TRAIN PLUNGES FROM TRESTLE

ZELAYA ATTACKS REBELS

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NICARAGUA BATTLE IS RAGING

COLON, Dec. 15.—The long expected battle about Rama started early to-day, according to advices received here. General Estrada's forces, prepared for a vital struggle, were ordered to take the offensive, as the government troops under General Vasquez continued to refrain from attacking the fortified town.

BIG BATTLESHIP MISSOURI MAY BE SENT TO NICARAGUA

NEWPORT NEWS, Va., Dec. 15.—The work of loading the battleship Missouri with stores was rushed to-day in the expectation of orders for her immediate departure for Bluefields. According to officers about Old Point, sailing orders are due within a short time.

The Missouri could land 1,000 trained men—marines and blue jackets—and a three-inch field piece, at a moment's notice. Bluefields is the only Atlantic Nicaragua port with water sufficiently deep for a ship as big as the Missouri.

CRUISER PRAIRIE SAILS TO-DAY WITH BIG MARINE FORCE

PHILADELPHIA, Dec. 15.—With steam up and ready to sail, at any moment, with the 700 marines destined for Nicaragua the auxiliary cruiser Prairie lay at her dock at the League Island Navy Yard to-day. Sailing orders were expected momentarily, and preparations were made to clear before noon. Captain Kellogg is in command of the Prairie.

The second detachment of marines to be sent South within a few days was an enthusiastic a bunch of fighting men as ever were gathered in times of comparative peace. Every man of them was certain that he would see active service in Nicaragua. As soon as they arrived they were hustled aboard the Prairie and by reveille to-day all were in readiness. The detachment includes 135 marines from Norfolk; 100 from Washington and Port Royal; 177 from Brooklyn; 96 from New England and many from the League Island yard. There were also twelve second lieutenants from the Marine Corps Training School at Port Royal.

REINFORCEMENTS RUSHED TO REBELS FROM BLUEFIELDS

BLUEFIELDS, Dec. 15.—Heavy reinforcements were to-day rushed to the rebel forces about Rama for the decisive fight with the government troops under General Vasquez.

Four machine guns as well as other pieces of artillery, 1,000 rifles and 1,000,000 of ammunition have been sent under the guard of several companies of fresh troops.

ZELAYA PRISONER IN HIS PALACE AS PEOPLE REVOLT

PANAMA, Dec. 15.—President Zelaya of Nicaragua to-day is virtually a prisoner in his palace, guarded against the fury of the revolting populace, according to advices received here. To-day he called out more troops to guard the palace.

One unconfirmed rumor says that an attempt to assassinate him was made last night. Dr. Jose Madriz, picked by Zelaya as his successor, was also under guard and remained indoors much of the time. His arrival on a Mexican warship has turned the anger of the Managuans against Mexico.

Disorder continued in the capital to-day, according to reports, and spread to the outlying country, though no armed conflict has taken place.

REPORT ZELAYA AGAIN OFFERS TO QUIT HIS OFFICE

WASHINGTON, Dec. 15.—According to dispatches received by the State Department to-day from United States Vice-Consul Caldera at Managua, dated Monday, President Zelaya has once more offered to abdicate in favor of his satellite, Jose Madriz. The vice-consul adds that on Monday night the legation was surrounded by cheering crowds vociferously endorsing the United States government's policy toward President Zelaya.

BOARDED UP VILLA WILL BE MEMORIAL

NEWPORT, Dec. 15.—The beautiful villa which belonged to the late Marquise des Monstiers de Merinville, but which has been boarded up for twelve years, is now to be thrown open, and to be kept open, though unoccupied, as a memorial to its dead owner. The villa, by the will of the Marquise, has come into the possession of her sister, the Baroness Caldwell von Zedwitz, who will have its ancient splendor restored, so that the house will be just as it was when her sister occupied it.

THE WEATHER.

Fair, somewhat colder, with fresh westerly winds Wednesday and Thursday.

Sun rises 7:06 *a. m., sets* 4:12 *p. m.*
Moon sets 6:49 *p. m.*
High tide 12:45 *a. m.,* 1 *p. m.*

You see the AMERICAN everywhere—in the homes, clubs, restaurants, hotels, cars and boats.

THE KINK OF DENMARK

By F. OPPER

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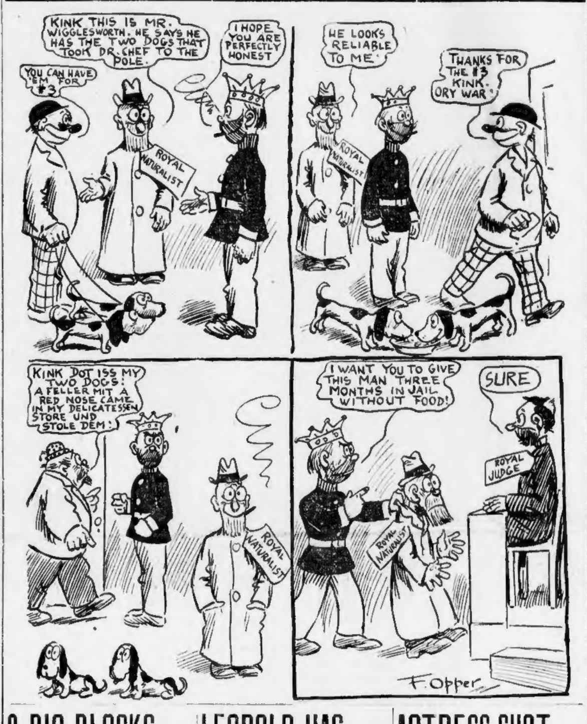
HE EUYS THE DOGS THAT WENT TO THE POLE


KINK THIS IS MR. WIGGLESWORTH. HE SAYS HE HAS THE TWO DOGS THAT TOOK DR. CHEF TO THE POLE.
YOU CAN HAVE 'EM FOR $3
I HOPE YOU ARE PERFECTLY HONEST
ROYAL NATURALIST
HE LOOKS RELIABLE TO ME.
THANKS FOR THE $3 KINK. ORY WAR!
KINK DOT ISS MY TWO DOGS! A FELLER MIT A RED NOSE CAME IN MY DELICATESSEN STORE UND STOLE DEM!
I WANT YOU TO GIVE THIS MAN THREE MONTHS IN JAIL WITHOUT FOOD!
SURE
ROYAL JUDGE
F. Opper

3 BIG BLOCKS IN DOWNTOWN SECTION SOLD

The largest real estate deal of the year, involving property assessed for over three-quarters of a million of dollars, culminated to-day in the sale of three large business blocks in the heart of the city.

By this transaction the final papers in which were placed on record at the Suffolk Registry of Deeds this afternoon, the Broad Exchange building at No. 88 Broad street, and bounded by Franklin, Wharf and Wells street; the Norton building at Nos. 93-95 Broad street, corner of Franklin street, and the large mercantile building at No. 287 Atlantic avenue, next to the corner of India street, change ownership. Henry Dexter Bennett of No. 85 Water street was the broker.

The three estates including the three buildings and a total of 17,039 square feet of land, are assessed for a total of $759,700, the land being taxed on a valuation of $352,800. The buildings are rated for $406,900. The purchase price is not made public.

The Broad Exchange building, which is an eight-story office building, has been sold by the Worcester County Savings Bank to Alfred Bowlige and Amory Eliot, as trustees of the Real Estate Improvement Trust. This property is assessed separately on a total valuation of $430,500, of which $163,600 is on the land and $266,900 is on the building.

The other two properties have been sold by the Real Estate Improvement Trust, through Alfred Bowlige and Amory Eliot, its trustees, to C. H. Lewis of No. 16 State street. The Norton building is a six-story brick structure devoted to mercantile purposes covering 4113 square feet of land. The property is taxed on a total valuation of $176,900, of which $106,900 is on the land and $70,000 is on the building.

The third property at No. 287 Atlantic avenue, is a six-story brick building and covers 5,490 square feet of land. Land and buildings are assessed on a total valuation of $152,300, of which $82,300 is on the land and $70,000 is on the building.

This deal has been successfully closed only after a year of hard work on the part of the brokers who negotiated the details of the transaction, and it marks an important step in the advancement of Boston's realty market. All three properties have been purchased for investment.

BATHE IN THE SNOW—The Sunday American will tell in detail the newest heroic, near-nature midwinter cure. Don't miss this.

LEOPOLD HAS SUDDEN TURN FOR WORSE

BRUSSELS, Dec. 15.—A sudden turn for the worse in King Leopold's condition early this afternoon caused much alarm, and a consultation was held by Dr. Thierard, Dr. Steinen and Dr. Delago.

No one was allowed to enter the sick room except the physicians. Princess Stephanie, formerly Crown Princess of Austria, and now the Countess of Lonyay, arrived to-day, and was at once received by the Countess of Flanders. It was said, however, that there was little probability of the Princess being allowed to see her father.

His hatred for her is bitter. Stephanie was one of the stanchest supporters of her mother, taking part continually in the Queen's dissension with Leopold. So bitter was the King that he refused Stephanie permission to see Queen Henrietta's coffin when she returned to the palace for the funeral. Stephanie's later marriage beneath her station added to the King's dislike.

Princess Stephanie, however, on her arrival insisted that she be allowed to go to her father's bedside. It was not until she learned that no one save the doctors was allowed to enter the monarch's sick room that she desisted. It was said that her trip from Hungary would probably be without avail.

The absence of definite news regarding the King in the bulletin issued this morning was the cause for alarming rumors in the city.

An impression as serious prevailed in the circles nearer to the King and no definitely reassuring statements could be obtained. Although the operation performed on Leopold did much to relieve his pain, it was asserted to-day by one close to the actual condition that no permanent results for better could ensue.

SAYS BABY GIRL IS HIDDEN HERE

Edna E. Townshend of Brattleboro, Vt., is in this city to wage a court fight for the possession of her two-year-old daughter, Minerva, who she says, is wrongfully held in Boston, Melrose, or Somerville by agents of the child's father, Charles G. Townsend.

Mrs. Townshend says in her petition that last August she filed a suit for divorce [illegible] who was enjoined by the Vermont courts from taking their child out of the State or interfering with the mother's possession.

BOSTON ROBBER JAILED.

DALLAS, Dec. 15.—Ed Rivers, claiming to be from Boston, Mass., was convicted of burglary in connection with the attempt to rob a bank at Grand Prairie, twelve miles west of Dallas, a month ago and was sentenced to ten years in the penitentiary.

ACTRESS SHOT BY NOBLEMAN. JILTED SUITOR

NEW YORK, Dec. 15.—After calmly waiting for several hours in front of the home of Elizabeth Schapiro, an actress, at No. 107 Forsythe street, Count Hymen Klatzko, an ex-patriated Russian nobleman, shot and probably mortally wounded her early to-day when she came home with Max Goldberg, an artist of No. 277 East Ninth street. Then Count Klatzko shot and probably fatally wounded Goldberg. He strolled off lighting a cigarette, but was captured.

Count Klatzko, exiled from Russia by his family because of his dissipation, has been infatuated with the young actress who is separated from her husband. She was being escorted to her home by Goldberg, of whom the Count is said to have been extremely jealous.

The Count, after firing, was seen to approach the woman where she lay in front of her home. He whispered several words to her and then, lighting a cigarette, strode off. Jacob Schwartz of No. 107 Forsythe street shouted to Myer Appel, a night watchman, to chase the man, but Appel merely rapped for help. Schwartz pursued the Count and was joined by Patrolman Mullane of the Eldredge street station, who caught his man several blocks away and took him to the station, after calling an ambulance from Gouverneur Hospital. The ambulance surgeon who examined the wounds of the woman and of Goldberg found that they were both in a critical condition.

According to friends of the actress, she recently declared that she had become afraid of the Count. She had ordered him not to visit her at her home any more, but it is said that he paid no attention to her wishes. She had become so afraid of him that she was preparing to leave the city to elude him.

SCHOOL GRIEVANCES TO BE HEARD DEC. 20

At the next meeting of the school committee, to be held in the Mason street building on Monday, the needs of various sections of the city with respect to additional school accommodations will be considered, and the committee will be prepared to hear those who are interested in the needs of particular districts for new school buildings.

GETS NEW PRIMA DONNA.

Miss Florence Quinn, the soprano, formerly of "The Red Mill" company, joined Charles Lovenberg's operatic festival as prima donna at Keith's last evening.

A SUNDAY AMERICAN want advt. is often the road to fortune.

GOULD IN WRECK MANY DEAD

Southern Railroad Train Ditched by Broken Rail, Prominent Officials of Road Among the Dead.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 15.—A broken rail to-day hurled part of train No. 11 of the Southern Railway off a high trestle while it was speeding fifty-five miles an hour, near Brown Summit, N. C. The railroad officials admit eight were killed and fifteen injured. The first report gave the number of dead as fourteen, while later reports said that twelve bodies had been taken from the debris.

George Gould an dhis son Jay were passengers, but escaped injury.

The following official announcement was given out by Vice-President Ackert at 12:30:

Our passenger train, No. 11, which is operated locally between Richmond, Va., and Atlanta, Ga., and carries sleepers from Richmond to Charlotte and from Norfolk to Charlotte was derailed about 6:30 o'clock this morning about eleven miles north of Greensboro, N. C.

Railroad Officials Killed.

As far as can be ascertained at this time, the cause of the accident was a broken rail due to a concealed defect. Two coaches and two sleepers turned over. The engine, mail and baggage cars did not leave the track. Eight persons, four of whom were passengers, were fatally injured and a number of others hurt, but not seriously. The killed:

BROADNAX, JOHN A., Greensboro, N. C.

HALCOMB, Y. E., a lawyer, of Mount Airy, N. C.

SEXTON, EDWARD, of Denton, N. C.

KILBY, FRANK, formerly of Portsmouth, Va., but whose present address is not known.

KEON, A. P., superintendent of Richmond division, died at Greensboro Hospital.

NOLAN, D. C., Pullman conductor.

WHITE, C. H., traveling auditor.

BAGBY, CHARLES, flagman.

The Injured.

The injured:

CARTER, W. T., Danville, Va., audit to Southern Railway.

DOBIE, RICHARD A., Norfolk, Va.

NELSON, PHILIP, Greensboro.

CANDLER, C. S., Norfolk, Va., general agent Southern Railway.

WAGNER, GEORGE B., Danville, Va.

CHALKIN, JAMES B., Richmond, Va.

WOOD, H. L., Norfolk, Va.

REDMUNDS, MRS., New Orleans.

Gould and Son Escape.

The report further states that George Gould and his son were in the Norfolk sleeper. Neither of them was injured.

Among the first to go to the aid of the victims were the Goulds. They were bound for Thomasville, Ga., where they were to hunt on the Gould estate, and intended stopping off at High Point, No. C., to inspect the Gould kennels there. Mr. Gould's private secretary was hurt.

The Goulds, flung from their berths and shaken and bruised, took an active part in directing the first relief steps.

The first call for help was sent out by Conductor George Coble. Though injured, he made his way, crawling part of the time, two miles to flash out a cry for assistance.

Ten of the injured were rushed to Richmond and about twenty-five were taken to Greensboro within a short time after the disaster.

Racing Across Trestle.

No. 11 was a south-bound local passenger train running from Richmond to Charlotte. It was fifteen minutes late. As it was speeding across the trestle at Reedy Fork, making fast time in an attempt to regain the lost quarter of an hour, the last car jumped the track.

Bumping across the ties, the rear coach toppled into the channel, pulling with it the next coach and overturning other cars.

At the bottom of the ravine the cars were splintered and piled into a mass of kindling. Many of the passengers were trapped in the wreckage and held under water.

One of the foremost cars was caught on the edge of the trestle and held there overturned, half protruding over the steep valley. From Greensboro and Raidsville every available surgeon was rushed to the scene, accompanied by practically all the trained nurses and a quantity of medical supplies.

Along the road other doctors were picked up.

Recalls Spencer's Death.

To-day's fatal wreck recalls the terrible catastrophe of November 29, 1906, in which Samuel Spencer, president of the Southern Railway, and recognized as one of the foremost men in the development of the Southern States, and six other persons were killed. The crash was between two fast passenger trains ten miles south of Lynchburg, Va. Philip Schuyler, a retired capitalist of New York, was among the killed, together with other guests of Mr. Spencer. Only Mr. Spencer's private secretary, F. A. Merrill of New York, and one of the three porters survived the accident.

"SCRAPS" IN BROKAW SUIT KEPT IN BOOK

NEW YORK, Dec. 15.—When the separation suit of Mrs. Mary Blair Brokaw against her husband, W. Gould Brokaw, for separation and $60,000 a year alimony was resumed before Justice Putnam at Mineola to-day, it was said that Mrs. Brokaw would be called back to the witness stand before the case ended to tell of a scrap book in which she pasted all of the telegrams received from Brokaw during the stormy periods of their married life.

Mrs. Brokaw kept this scrap book while she was ill in a sanitarium, and she says she pasted the telegrams in the volume chiefly for amusement.

"As these messages contain the telegrams that concern their quarrels," said Attorney Alexander J. Baldwin, representing the wife, "it is well called the 'scrap book.'"

When she came into court to-day Mrs. Brokaw was smiling and seemed well pleased with the victory she has scored up to the present stage of the trial.

Before her husband was called to the stand Mrs. Brokaw was asked to identify more telegrams. These tended to add to the testimony of cruelty of the surveillance of servants, alleged by Mrs. Brokaw. Attorney McIntyre protested at the introduction of messages from servants at Great Neck to Mr. Brokaw at High Point, N. C., in which the doings of Mrs. Brokaw were minutely told of.

CAMP MAKES ALL-AMERICA SELECTIONS

In Collier's this week Walter Camp presents his "All America" football selections. In his first and second teams the leading colleges of the East and West are represented, the line-ups being as follows:

FIRST ELEVEN.

End—Regnier, Brown.
Tackle—Fish, Harvard.
Guard—Benbrook, Michigan.
Guard—Cooney, Yale.
Guard—Andrus, Yale.
Tackle—Hobbs, Yale.
End—Kilpatrick, Yale.
Quarter—McGovern, Minnesota.
Halfback—Philbin, Yale.
Halfback—Minot, Harvard.
Fullback—Coy, Yale.

SECOND ELEVEN.

End—Bankart, Dartmouth.
Tackle—Lilley, Yale.
Guard—Goebel, Yale.
Centre—Withington, Harvard.
Guard—Tobin, Dartmouth.
Tackle—McKay, Harvard.
End—Braddock, Pennsylvania.
Quarter—Howe, Yale.
Halfback—Alderdice, Michigan.
Halfback, Magidsohn, Michigan.
Fullback—Marks, Dartmouth.

WARREN ESTATE IN SUIT

A sensation was caused to-day when a petition was filed in the Supreme Court by Edward Perry Warren, a member of the millionaire paper manufacturing family of New England, asking that his brother, Samuel D. Warren, a prominent Boston lawyer, be removed as trustee of his father's estate, claiming gross mismanagement.

Judge Hammond issued an injunction restraining Warren from appointing any co-trustees and from terminating the trust. It is charged that through mismanagement $1,000,000 has been lost.

When Samuel D. Warren died in 1888 his Maine mills were valued at $1,900,000. This was left to the widow and four children. The eldest son, Samuel, was a member of the law firm of Warren & Brandeis. The son drew up a trust making himself, Mortimer B. Mason, who had been his father's partner, and his mother, trustees.

It is claimed that when he chose his mother as one of the trustees, Samuel well knew that she was inexperienced and that she was not likely to take any active part in the running of the business. Mr. Mason, it is alleged, was not situated so as to oppose Samuel's suggestions.

Leased to Partnership.

It was provided that the trustees should have the option of carrying on the business or of leasing the property to a partnership on proper terms. The trustees might be members of this partnership, and the lease was effected, with Samuel as an almost half owner in the partnership and the active member, and Mr. Mason owning one-half and Frederic F. Warren about one-fortieth.

It is claimed that the trustees, acting on Samuel's advice, neglected to have independent counsel, owing no duty to persons having interests adverse to the trust beneficiaries, and that Louis D. Brandeis was employed. It is claimed that [illegible]000 has been paid for his services out of the trust and a similar sum for services rendered the copartnership.

It was provided in the trust that not exceeding one-third of the income might be used for adding to the mill plant property. This provision was disregarded, it is alleged, and for a number of years much more than one-third of the income was diverted for this ostensible purpose.

Dispute Over Commission.

The total amount diverted in that manner is set at $1,429,104. The partnership lease provided that the partnership was entitled to receive a commission which should be deducted before the net profits were arrived at.

This commission in the first five years after the giving of the lease amounted to $900,000, and up to date about $1,200,000, which is out of all proportion to the services rendered, it is claimed in view of other sums paid.

In March, 1898, the widow of the elder Warren made her will at the suggestion of the defendant, Samuel, it is asserted, and died in 1901. Under the will, the residue of her estate, amounting to about $1,100,000, was to go to the trustees of the mill trust, to be held by them during the continuance of this trust and to be enjoyed equally by the four children. Mrs. Warren's residue included her share in the original mill trust and about $300,000 in addition.

No trustee was appointed to take Mrs. Warren's place. Mr. Mason died last February and the defendant, Samuel, is now the sole surviving trustee.

Charge Breach of Trust.

Before his death, it is alleged that Mason and Samuel loaned the co-partnership $800,000 of Mrs. Warren's residue without security. This is asserted to be a serious breach of trust.

The assets of the mill trust are now of a book value of $4,500,000. It is charged that Mason and Samuel took about $2,300,200 in all for their services, which is unreasonable, according to the plaintiff.

Samuel D. Warren was one of the pioneer New England paper manufacturers. The mills were in Maine and the offices in Boston. Samuel D. Warren left four sons. They are:

FATHER, 65, SPANKS NAUGHTY SON, 43

PITTSBURG, Dec. 15.—Max Flory, forty-three years old, became angry at some trivial thing about the house and demanded that his father, John Flory, sixty-five years old, kill him. The old man refused to commit murder, but told the son that he would give him a good spanking if he continued to raise a fuss. Max then rushed to the top story of the house and jumped out of the back window, about eighteen feet, to the ground, but he was not hurt. This so annoyed the old man that he made good.

ALL PURE NOURISHMENT
Father John's Medicine makes strength.

$40,000 BLAZE IN WORCESTER; FIREMEN HURT

WORCESTER, Dec. 15.—Four firemen were slightly hurt and $40,000 damage done to-day in a fire believed to have been caused by a careless smoker in the four-story brick building at Arctic and Hygeia streets. Seder Brothers, manufacturers of women's shirt waists, and the Royal Worcester Motor Cycle Company occupy the building.

The fire started in a closet in the second floor, which is occupied by the Motor Company. Seder Brothers occupy the first, third and fourth floors. The first alarm was rung in at 6:15 a. m., and the firemen did not conquer the flames until three hours later. No one was in the building.

Frank A. Gilbert sustained a bad cut in his head when part of a metal ceiling fell upon him. Arthur St. John of Truck 3 was hurt by flying glass. Deputy Chief Wesley N. Avery was cut on the hand and a nail ran into the foot of Charles R. McCauliff of Truck 5.

The Seder Brothers employ 150 women, while the Motor Cycle Company employs twelve. The loss on the building, which is owned by the Worcester Cold Storage Company, is about $2,000. Seder Brothers' loss is $32,000 on goods and machinery and that of the Motor Cycle Company $6,000.

PERFECT TEETH FREE—Read in the Sunday American what science tells you to do to keep your teeth as nature made them.

POST CARD ALBUMS
CHRISTMAS GIFTS
Large Variety
57 Franklin St., Boston
WARD'S

CLIP, CLIP, CLIP: JOIN THE BIG COUPON ARMY

Are you a clipper?

Most everybody in Boston has joined the ranks of the readers of the BOSTON AMERICAN and is clipping the Household Premium coupons which appear always on Page 2 of the daily and SUNDAY AMERICAN. And the way these clippers are crowding the Premium Department, No. 272 Devonshire street, to redeem the coupons is worth while watching. It is a demonstration in itself of the tremendous bargains that are included in the list of premiums.

It is just as easy to secure the premiums as it is to become a clipper. Try it! Clip those coupons for thirty consecutive days, then present them with a small cash payment and carry off the premium that takes your fancy.

A full line of the premiums is on exhibition at the Premium Department. You have only to see them to become an ardent clipper. To see the premiums is to want them. There is in that list something to please every taste. It is particularly appealing to the good housewife and to the man who takes any pride at all in his home or in his office.

Start clipping to-day! Keep it up for thirty days, then get your premium. That sounds easy and is easy as it sounds. Join the ranks of winners. All the world loves a winner.

Everything is in the start. Just make the starte, you will find the rest easy enough. Then when you get one of the premiums, you will want another. You can get as many premiums as you want, or as you can save coupons and money for.

The small cash payments required in addition to the coupons form but a small part of the actual value of the premiums and you will appreciate them more when you see them.

Important to Household Premium Coupon Savers!

More Premiums are being added to our list daily. If you have not visited lately our display room, at 272 Devonshire street, you should do so, as it will pay you well.

BOSTON AMERICAN

Household Premium Coupon

Wednesday, Dec. 15.

*Name*____________________

*Address*____________________

*City*__________ *State*__________

NOTICE—A complete set consists of 30 coupons of consecutive dates. Only one coupon of each date will be accepted in each set.

All articles delivered outside of the New England States will be sent subject to collection of duty and express charges.

COMET TO END US ALL IN ONE SPASM OF JOY

We're going to take laughing gas—the whole world. It'll be a fatal operation, perhaps.

When Halley's comet comes within striking distance of the earth next May the human race may be wiped out in one great paroxysm of joy. Or, when the great tail wraps itself around old earth, short shrift may be made of all human beings by a combination of the oxygen of the earth's atmosphere and the hydrogen in the celestial visitor.

But the best chance of all is that nothing serious will happen. We may be wrapped up in the old comet's tail, but we won't know it from a fog.

This, in brief, is the view of Camille Flammarion, one of Europe's most noted astronomers and a specialist in comets.

"Comets' tails," says Flammarion, "are no more dangerous to the earth than an ordinary fog. They are immense, but they are so light, so rarified, that the terrestrial atmosphere is like lead in comparison."

Nothing ever approached the earth at a greater rate of speed than the comet is coming now. According to Mr. Flammarion, the comet in the last seventy-six days has come nearer to us by 180,000,000 miles and is approaching now at the rate of 2,400,000 miles a day. Even for terrestrial bodies, that is going some.

"Just now," says Mr. Flammarion, "the comet's path is directed both toward the earth and the sun. After the middle of this month, while still speeding onward toward the sun, it will begin to draw away from this earth. Later on it will again move toward the earth."

Referring to the possibility that the earth will be destroyed by the fire or gases of the great comet's tail, M. Flammarion says:

"On May 18 the comet's tail will be about 16,000,000 miles away from the earth and coming from the sun. Now comets' tails are often eighteen, twenty-four or even thirty million miles long, and they are always extended away from the sun. This immense appendix might reach us, might envelop us for several hours. What will be the result of such an immersion?

"We know nothing of the fate reserved for us next May. The poisoning of humanity by deleterious gases is improbable. Doubtless if the oxygen of the atmosphere combined with the hydrogen of the tail, it would mean universal death with short shrift. If, on the other hand, there should result a diminution in the supply of nitrogen, the brain of every one of us would experience an unexpected sensation of physical activity and the human race would come to a sudden end in a paroxysm of joy. Carbonic oxide, on the other hand, would cause universal poisoning of the lungs."

You see the AMERICAN everywhere—in the homes, clubs, restaurants, hotels, cars and boats.

WILL PAY BACK GOLF CLUB MONEY

NEWTON, Dec. 15.—L. Webb Vinton, a former clerk at Woodland Golf Club, was arraigned to-day before Judge Kennedy, charged with larceny of the club's funds. The Court, after a conference, accepted a plea of guilty. He was then placed on probation until April 2, 1910. It is understood that Vinton is to pay back the funds taken from the club.

GARDNER SCHOOLS BAR SANTA CLAUS

GARDNER, Dec. 15.—For the first time in the history of the Gardner schools the custom of giving among the school children will be abolished this year. In the past it has been the custom on the closing day of the Christmas vacation for the parents to send presents to adorn the Christmas tree.

TO-DAY'S CABLE NEWS

Up to Midnight, London Time

London Man Offers Himself for Sale.

LONDON—Arthur Goods, who lives in a top room off Manchester Square, has printed the following advertisement in the London papers:

> A MAN FOR SALE—A cheerful English business man, having serious need for £200 before December 15, is prepared to place his entire services at the complete disposal of any person or company for the space of twelve months. He will do anything and everything desired to further the interests or the comfort of his employer. He is so intelligent and so original, so good-tempered and methodically energetic, that any one securing him will never regret his bargain. This can be guaranteed by his host of personal friends. Interviews are solicited.

"My offer is perfectly genuine," explained Mr. Goode, when interviewed in his eyrie. "I am prepared to sell myself for twelve months to anybody who will hand me the sum mentioned. I'm prepared to attempt anything. I'm a great conciliator, and, for instance, if a man and his mother-in-law had not spoken to each other for twenty years I would readily undertake to effect a reconciliation that would be satisfactory to both parties concerned."

Apology for Boxing Ears.

LONDON—There was a tame sequel to the rumpus between R. Kennerly Rumford, the husband of Clara Butt, the singer, and Mr. Collis, musical critic of the Times, in the Marlborough Police Court. On November 30 Rumford boxed the ears of the critic because of an article which, he complained, reflected on Miss Butt's ability as a singer. Rumford was thereupon summoned to answer to a charge of assault. Counsel for Rumford tendered an apology for the row and the case was withdrawn.

Big Art Treasure Revealed.

LONDON—Some of the finest art treasures in existence may come into the market through the death of George Salting and art circles are greatly stirred over the prospect. Salting was a Dane and inherited a great Australian fortune. His whole life and income were devoted to the examination and purchase of works of art, and he became one of the best-known collectors in Europe.

Warships of 27,500 Tons.

BIRMINGHAM—The Post says the Admiralty is making arrangements for laying down before the end of the financial year two vessels which will establish a record in warship building. They will be of almost 27,500 gross tonnage. Their guns will number less than those on the latest Dreadnought, but the muzzle velocity and firing range will be very much greater.

Belgian War Force, 250,000.

BRUSSELS—The Senate has passed the military service bill, which was sent up from the Chamber. The bill provides for a general personal service, restricted to one son per family, raising the annual contingent to 1,600 and fixing the peace strength at 48,000 and the eventual war strength at 250,000.

Cinematograph on Airship.

PARIS—Aviator Latham made a seven-minute flight at Mourmelon, carrying a cinematograph and an operator, who worked the camera throughout the trip, which was made at the height of eighty feet. The lens was pointed earthward. The operator noticed no vibration and says the pictures will be good.

Mrs. Ruiz's Estate $84,637.

LONDON—Mrs. Mary Agnes Ruiz, the beautiful divorced wife of Antonio A. Ruiz and formerly of New York city, left an estate valued at $84,637. Mrs. Ruiz committed suicide on May 10 last in her handsome apartment at No. 19 Grosvenor street. Her jewels were sold at auction for $35,000.

Mrs. Griffin Entertained.

LONDON—Mrs. Hugh Reid Griffin, founder of the Society of American Women in London, was entertained at luncheon by the American circle at the Lyceum Club. The principal guests, besides Mrs. Griffin, were Elinor Glyn, the author, and Mrs. Severn.

"Annex Pole to Ireland."

DUBLIN—Sir Ernest Shackleton, the Antarctic explorer, read the following jocular message during an address at a luncheon here: "Have just discovered South Pole. Kindly annex it to Ireland.

"COOK."

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FIREMEN IN DEATH PERIL AT ROXBURY

Threatened by an explosion of gas, twenty firemen early to-day battled a fire that practically destroyed the interior of the three-story brick building at King and Elmwood streets, Roxbury. Less than forty feet from where they stood were four gas engines, each connected with pipes leading to the meter in the basement. The fire had gained such headway before being discovered that no one dared enter the building to shut off the supply of gas. Gas inspectors declared that if the second floor of the building, on which the engines were, gave way that nothing could prevent an explosion.

The building, which is occupied by the Boston Ice Company, is in the heart of a tenement district. Scores of tenants of the nearby buildings were aroused by the police and firemen when the fire was discovered and ready to flee. Household goods were hurriedly taken into the streets while the tenants awaited a last warning from the officers. By a hard battle the firemen kept the flames confined to the building, although sparks carried by the wind started small fires on the roofs of several houses.

After the discovery of the danger of an explosion the firemen fought the fire from the roof of the house at No. 49 Elmwood street.

The fire started on the second floor of the ice cream company's building. The officers of the company are unable to explain how it could have started.

The firemen who were in the greatest peril were men from Engines 13, 14 and 37, Chemicals 10 and 12 and Ladders 12 and 4.

HILL ROADS BAR OUT THE DRINKERS

PORTLAND, Ore., Dec. 15.—"We do not wish to have in our employ men who drink liquor," is the official word being sent along throughout the operating departments of the railroads controlled by James J. Hill. "If men now working under you drink, tell them they must stop or make way for men who will not drink," is the instruction given. It is the result of the investigation of a number of mishaps on these roads, where it has been discovered that the loss of property, life and limb, has been the result of drinking by employes.

OF ALL THE NERVE! JUST HEAR GATES

GALVESTON, Dec. 15.—"Never play cards nor gamble."

"A gambler once, a gambler always."

"Never bet on horse races."

Such was the advice given by John W. Gates in an address to the Gulf District Methodist Episcopal Conference in session at Port Arthur. Mr. Gates, who has been called "Bet-you-a-million Gates," who has been sometimes a terror, sometimes a blessing to the bookmakers, who is famous for his game of bridge whist, added:

"Never, never speculate either on the stock exchange nor in the wheat pit."

WHITE SLAVE TRADE CASUAL, SAYS O'MEARA

Commissioner O'Meara finds it increasingly difficult to play his selected role of Sphinx in the Boston police system. Goaded by the withering report made by the United States Immigration Commission, in which Boston was several times named as one of the big stations on the underground railway system whose traffic is white slaves, he has written a letter to the newspapers, the AMERICAN excepted.

There is no white slavery in Boston, he assures the editors. More than that, all who say so are libelling this fair city which ought, above all things, to protect her name as the "greatest of riches." But four references are made to Boston, he alleges, in the Immigration Commission's report and all are "casual."

Mr. O'Meara concludes with the statement that Boston's name needs to be protected "from the assaults of societies and individuals whose recent use of the 'white slave' as a means of stimulating subscriptions has been varied, persistent, and I think I may justly say, unscrupulous."

Neither the Rev. J. Frank Chase, secretary, nor the Rev. Dr. Frederick B. Allen, city missionary for the Episcopal Church, and one of the leading spirits of the Watch and Ward Society, which the commissioner refers to, thought his letter worthy of serious reply, especially its concluding allusion to them.

Dr. Allen said that while he could not truthfully agree there is no white slavery in Boston, that it is "only casual."

"Casual" means much to him with his knowledge of the list of nearly 250 places where women are bought and sold in the card index of Secretary Chase and several cases of girls lured into opium and cocaine dives and ill treated fresh in the society's archives.

Notorious hotels with "private dining rooms" frequented in the main by young girls are still doing a large unmolested business. In the North End despairing fathers and mothers plead hopelessly with the licensing board, the commissioner and the "system" to protect their homes from the contamination of the innumerable dives there.

FINEST FOOD FREE.—All you need is the ingredients, and Mme. Tetrazzini, the great diva, will tell you in the Sunday American how to prepare it.

ROOSEVELT SENDS SOME HUMAN SKULLS

WASHINGTON, Dec. 15.—The Smithsonian African expedition headed by Theodore Roosevelt had up to December 10 taken 6,663 skins, of which less than one-half have been received at the institution here. The collection consists of 243 large mammals, 1,500 small mammals and 1,356 birds. The collection has a series of human skulls picked up along the line of the ancient slave trail.

$10,000 IN GIFTS FOR POOR CHILDREN

NEW YORK, Dec. 15.—Through the generosity of James Stillman, the banker, residents of the parish of St. Agnes's Roman Catholic Church will have a merry Christmas. Before he sailed for Europe a few weeks ago Mr. Stillman gave to the Rev. Henry A. Brann, rector of the church, $20,000 to be devoted to the poor of the parish. The banker stipulated that one-half of this amount was to be used in buying Christmas gifts for children of poor families.

BATHE IN THE SNOW—The Sunday American will tell in detail the newest heroic, near-nature midwinter cure. Don't miss this.

Filene's Filene's
Entrance from Washington and Winter Sts. and Direct from Tunnel Trains
Tunnel Bargain Basement

WE GO EVEN FARTHER than to tell you that every garment is Automatically Reduced, if by any chance it remains here longer than two weeks. WE STAMP EVERY GARMENT WITH THE DATE RECEIVED, so that you may see for yourself how long it has been in stock. FIGURE OUT YOUR OWN REDUCTIONS AND PICK OUT YOUR OWN BARGAINS.

Tables Piled High With Hundreds of Bargains in
UNDERMUSLINS
Tomorrow

¶ Many Single Pieces and Odd Lots Not Mentioned Here:
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Crossbar Corset Covers, lace trimmed, ribbon insertion 25c
1.00 Night Gowns, of crossbar or muslin, two styles; 1.25 White Petticoats, deep flounce of embroidery and tucking...... 85c
Combinations — Several styles to select from, either skirt or drawer style, lace or embroidery trimmed... 1.29
1.00 White Petticoats; deep flounces, lace trimmed 69c
50c Drawers, of cambric, hamburg ruffle also—Corset Covers, lace trimmed...... 38c
2.50 Crossbar Combinations, embroidery medallions 1.98
Also 3.50 Blanket Robes, rich colors, sateen trimmings 2.85

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It pays to pay Cash
NEW ENGLAND'S GREAT CASH HOUSE.

Why Not These?

Our immense Furniture Department on the fifth floor offers a complete line of practical articles for Christmas presents. For instance, we are showing over one hundred patterns of Ladies' Writing Desks, also Fancy Chairs, Rockers, Smoking Tables, China Cabinets, etc.

A Rush Sale of $5.00 Smoking Tables
at $1.95
These will not last long at this price

The illustration shows the style of table, which is 30 inches high and strongly made and fitted, as you will notice, with a cigar holder, ash tray, match safe, cigar clipper and candle holder. Finished in ebony and walnut. We purchased these smoking tables from the trustee in bankruptcy of a large New York importer, and when this lot has been sold we cannot duplicate them for less than $5.00. This sale only at 1.95

An Excellent Gift to the Little One
$3.00 Mission Rockers for
$1.25
Child's Mission Rocker, like cut, made of oak, weathered finish, seats upholstered with colored imitation leather. A $3.00 value, for this sale at only.... 1.25

A Gift of Comfort and Beauty
Roman Seat for
$1.25
Foot Rest or Roman Seat, like illustration, size of top 12x20 inches and 16 inches high, upholstered with green silk plush, finished in golden oak or imitation of mahogany. Sale price............ 1.25

Store Open Evenings Until Christmas

Just A Moment!
The California Port and Sherry Wine we have been offering at 18c a bottle, 2 bottles for 35c, has disappeared so rapidly—to make room for
Torrey's Original and Genuine Mt. Vernon Whiskey—
that in the future only two bottles can be obtained by any one person—18c a bottle, 2 bottles for 35c—and then only in connecton with purchases made of other goods in our line.
If you cannot call, telephone Richmond 770, and your orders will have prompt attention.
Open Saturday Evenings and Friday Evening before Christmas to accommodate our customers and friends
Torrey's Market Wine Store
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Oldest wine store in America—100 years at this stand.

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PRAYER BOOKS IN FINE BINDING
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MARRY ME, ELLA
And I'll buy the ring of the original and only Wilson Bros., who make Australian gold wedding rings in their own factory from $6 to $12; any special ring to order in 2 hours. Next to big tea kettle, 96 Court St., their only store.
WILSON BROS.
out-of-town customers send for 1910 catalogue. Express or mail your watch and jewelry repairs.

You can get a perfect fit in our first quality lenses for $1; sold elsewhere for $2 and $3. The real WILSON BROS., next to big kettle, 96 Court. This ad. will save you on a spasmodic
ALARM CLOCK 50c

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¶ See the AMERICAN Want Ads every day is good. .
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I. SANDLER.
The first Shoe Store started on Cross St. Samples of ladies' and gents' finest shoes. 74 Cross St., near the corner of Hanover St.

MAE WOOD IN COURT TODAY

NEW YORK, Dec. 15.—Mae C. Wood, whose sensational suit against former United States Senator Thomas C. Platt ended in her being charged with forgery and perjury in her claim that she was the Senator's wife, appeared in General Sessions Court to-day and said that she was ready for trial.

Miss Wood came from Julesburg, Col., after having tried in vain to get the district attorney of New York to pay her railroad fare. It is understood that she is practically penniless.

A scene followed the accused woman's entrance into the court room. A private detective representing the surety company which had provided $5,000 bail for the woman attempted to take her into custody. Assistant District Attorney Garvan made him desist.

Platt was too ill to appear. Judge Foster said that if the case was not tried by the end of the present term he would entertain a motion for its dismissal. Bail was reduced to $1,000.

Rheumatism

is a blood disease. It can be cured only by ridding the blood of extraneous matter. Hood's Sarsaparilla cures it as it does all other blood diseases. "The necessity of a good blood purifier," writes W. G. Skinner, Wakefield, Mass., "was first impressed on me when I took Hood's Sarsaparilla for a sever attack or rheumatism. As soon as I began to take this medicine, I felt better and in a short time I was entirely cured, and have been in good condition ever since."

Get Hood's Sarsaparilla today. In usual liquid form or tablets called Sarsatabs.

REMARKABLE STORY OF MAN WHO QUIT JAIL TO BE MAYOR OF SALEM

A few months ago occupant of cell No. 53 in the Essex County jail at Salem, Arthur P. Howard is to-day Mayor-elect of the Witch City. He defeated four rivals in spite of the fact that he has been a resident of the city but a year and a voter but six weeks.

Howard beyond any doubt has the most remarkable career of any man ever elected to public office in New England. He came to Salem, unknown and unheralded, without a dollar in his pocket. In a brief twelve months he has aroused the enmity of professional politicians, been indicted by the Grand Jury for criminal libel, has started a newspaper and has attained his great goal—the mayoralty.

The Mayor-elect does not look like a politician. He looks more like a drummer.

He is about thirty-eight years of age, but in his life he has seen more of the world than many a man at threescore and ten. He has been knocked around, too, and has suffered much. He has won and lost a fortune. Although without any great amount of money today, he is just the same as when he was head of the big jewelry house of Arthur Howard of London.

Howard dresses as he pleases. He is not untidy or unkempt, neither is he stylish.

The new Mayor is about five feet ten inches in height and weighs about 140 pounds. He is thin and not over strong.

Does Not Know Defeat.

His face is strong, however. It is the face of a man who is determined, who is ready to fight to a finish, who does not know what defeat is.

He is always clean shaven. His hair he wears in pompadour style, which accentuates his high forehead. He tried to develop a mustache at one time, but got shaved immediately after one of his friends remarked, "You look old with that brush."

Howard has a number of suits and overcoats just now, but before his paper began to be successful he had but one suit, and that was the one he wore on his back.

He eats regularly now. For a couple of weeks after his arrival in Salem meals were just as much a stranger to him as they are to some actors. He faced starvation day after day, but except for the fact that he got a little thinner, hard times made no impression on him.

A stranger seeing Howard would never believe that he is a fighter. In ordinary conversation he talks with a peculiar drawl. He is considerate and kindly to all; especially to children. It is only when he is aroused that he shows the fighting spirit that has descended to him from the old Duke of Norfolk, Premier Duke of England.

Motto Is "Look Ahead."

One thing Howard does not like to talk about, and that is about the past. He says he has done nothing to be ashamed of, but that all should look ahead instead of behind. "It's not what I have been," he said to the voters, "It's what I am to-day. It's what I am going to be and what I am going to do for you that should interest you."

Howard uses no involved English in his paper. He hits out from the shoulder. A grafter is a grafter to him. A crook is a crook. He talks to the common folk in the language they use.

"Was Down and Out."

"I used to have three eats a day before I struck Salem," is the way he tells of his early troubles in the Witch City. "I was down and out, not a nickel to my name three weeks after I started this sheet. The people were game, though, and they saw me through. I guess they like the straightforward stuff I have been handing them. One thing the people like is the truth, but they want the truth to come in its natural form, not varnished."

The Mayor-elect is a good mixer. He belongs to a few societies, but he is forever out and about, where he can scrape up acquaintances and get next to the people. Every lunch room and drug store in Salem knows Howard as a steady customer. He goes to those places because he can meet the men he desires to meet only in such places.

Howard has issued the following statement:

"I am pledging myself to-day to serve the city of Salem as a dignified, impartial Mayor during the year 1910.

"There is no previous case on record wher a man has come into a city and lived fourteen months and been elected Mayor. It is a record that any man should be proud of, and this is the proudest moment of my life.

"Start with Clean Slate."

"I want my political opponents to understand that on the second day of January I shall start with a clean slate and forget all the political differences and hope that they will join with me in making mine a successful administration. After all, we have the good will of the city at heart, and while some of us make mistakes, I believe that most of them are made by errors of judgment rather than premeditated design. When the year 1910 draws to a close and I retire to private life it will be a great pleasure for me to find out from the people whom they wish as my successor, and I shall back him for the high office of Mayor.

"I trust that the people will appreciate the efforts that I will make in their behalf, and I will try to give you good government during my term of office. I am writing this article just previous to leaving for New York. I will return on Thursday morning to resume my duties as an editor, and I trust that I may enjoy the privileges of private life for two weeks before assuming the responsibilities of the Mayor. I thank you very, very much. No words could express my gratitude to my friends and supporters."

HOW THE CITIES VOTED YESTERDAY

Cities.	Mayor Elected.	—License Vote— Yes.	No.
Beverly	*Charles H. Trowt	877	1,987
Chicopee	Samuel E. Fletcher, Rep.	1,003	977
Everett	*Charles Bruce	985	2,217
Holyoke	*Nathan P. Avery, Rep.	3,097	3,082
Lowell	John F. Meehan, Dem.	8,312	5,011
Lynn	*James E. Rich, Dem.	6,751	7,500
Malden	George H. Fall	1,947	3,776
Medford	No election	448	656
Melrose	*Eugene H. Moore	624	1,796
Newburyport	Robert E. Burke	1,487	1,497
Newton	Charles E. Hatfield, R D.	772	1,918
Salem	Arthur Howard	3,215	2,733
Somerville	*John M. Woods, Rep.	1,830	4,581
Woburn	Hugh D. Murray, Dem.	1,242	1,528
Worcester	*James Logan, Rep.	13,282	9,562

*Re-elected.

Only cities which changed on license were Worcester, which voted "No" last year, and Salem which went "Yes" in 1908.

HIBBARD, ON SUNDAY WORK, HITS RIVALS

Mayor Hibbard, in a statement published to-day follows up his declaration yesterday that he does not believe in Sunday campaigning with an attack on James J. Storrow and John F. Fitzgerald for their Sunday activity. The Mayor excuses Mr. Fitzgerald because, he says, Fitzgerald can't help campaigning seven days a week. Mr. Storrow "who claims to be a purist and who is the candidate of the professional political purists," ought to know better, according to the Mayor. He says signatures for Storrow nomination papers were solicited last Sunday in front of Dorchester churches "in a desperate attempt to obtain sufficient signatures to place his name on the ballot."

GEORGE COHAN'S LATEST SONG SUCCESS FREE—Words and music of "There's Something About a Uniform," from "The Man Who Owns Broadway," in the Sunday American.

PRINCE WELCOMES BUD "MUTT" FISHER

LONDON, Dec. 15.—Bud Fisher, the author and sponsor of "Mr. Mutt," the persistent plunger of the BOSTON AMERICAN'S sporting page, and who is now enjoying a short vacation in England, was a guest of honor at a "classy gathering" at the Rehearsal Theatre.

The affair, a boxing entertainment, was managed by Gene Corri, the noted referee of the National Sporting Club of England, and the limited number of guests included the Prince of Wales, J. W. Coffroth, the San Francisco sporting man, and Charles Harvey of New York.

When the sparring matches were ended "Bud" was induced to make a little speech, which he did, felicitously, from the ring, and which the Prince seemed to enjoy heartily.

SPLENDID NEW STORY—Translation of "The Tadpoles," from the Danish of Carl Ewald, in the Sunday American.

EARLY SHOPPING PLEA TO PUBLIC

In the interests of the thousands of workers who are benefitted by early shopping and to avoid the unpleasantness that comes from delayed deliveries, the Retail Trade Board of the Boston Chamber of Commerce has drawn up an appeal to the public to shop as early as possible before Christmas. Emphasis it laid on the fact that not only are stocks fresher and more complete at present, but that buying now will make it possible for the thousands of employes of the large stores to quit work in time to have a merrier Christmas.

RICH GIRL KILLED ON AN AUTO RIDE

LOS ANGELES, Dec. 15.—Driving over the edge of the Eagle Rock Valley road near Pasadena in an automobile, Harvey Bissell, son of a Grand Rapids millionaire, was fatally hurt, and Miss Agnes Claypool, daughter of a rich Pasadenan, was killed by the 100-foot fall. No hope of Bissell's recovery was held out to-day.

AYER GIVES $50.000 TO LOWELL HOSPITAL

LOWELL, Dec. 15.—Frederick Fanning Ayer of New York, a native of Lowell, has presented $50,000 to the Lowell General Hospital endowment fund.

Mr. Ayer has been a generous giver to this and other Lowell institutions.

PERFECT TEETH FREE—Read in the Sunday American what science tells you to do to keep your teeth as nature made them.

2-YEAR SENTENCE FOR STEALING PIE

Clarence Wilson, colored, was sentenced to two years for breaking and entering the house of Herman Rafuse and stealing a piece of mince pie. Judge Wait pronounced the sentence. It was testified that when Wilson was caught he was munching pie in the Rafuse home.

Calendars & Diaries All Styles and Prices. 57 Franklin St., Boston **WARD'S**

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SPECIAL — 500 Pairs of Women's Goodyear Glove High Overshoes —Everywhere $3.50 —as a Xmas gift.

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SHOE SYNDICATE
40-42 Summer Street

Open Evenings from now on till Xmas Eve

Till 9.30 o'clock, to give everybody an opportunity to take advantage of the Greatest Shoe and Slipper Bargains in New England!

Buy Shoe & Slipper Gifts Here

Why go into overcrowded department stores where the Shoes are buried under piles of other holiday merchandise? Why buy Shoes or Slippers elsewhere when the big, busy 40-42 Summer Street store sacrifices standard high-grade Shoes and Slippers and has the room and facilities to wait on a hundred shoe buyers at one time? COME HERE, and see the finest assortment in the city of high-grade Slippers, Shoes and Boots for old and young—AT PRICES THAT YOU SIMPLY CANNOT MATCH ELSEWHERE. Here are only a few of the many holiday specials that make it well worth your while TO COME TO 40 AND 42 SUMMER STREET.

A LIMITED NUMBER OF PAIRS OF The World Renowned Queen Quality SHOES 1.85

Will Be Placed on Sale for the First Time in the History of Shoe Sales—the Genuine "Queen Quality" $3.00 and $3.50 Shoes—for.........

SPECIAL

Something that will interest every mother. Children's High Cut Shoes. Notice the illustration. Regularly sold at $2.50 and $3.00. Our sale price is 1.39

Larger Sizes 1.79

Mail Orders Filled

800 Pairs more of Ladies' and School Girls' Genuine Russian Calf High Tan Shoes In all sizes, 2½ to 8 — Beautifully made, in the very latest style. A regular $6 value. To add interest to the Christmas selling they go at only $2.45

2.45

$6.00 Value. This sale only 2.45

Luddy & Currier's $5 Shoes, all color cloth and kid tops, gun metal and patent colt. 1.98

1.98

900 pairs of William Porter & Son's Ladies' Shoes, Lynn's finest shoe maker, $6 values, now 2.45

1,320 pairs of Luddy & Currier's famous "Equinox" Shoes for particular women, all styles and leathers, regular $4 and $4.50 shoes, cut to 1.98

APSLEY'S RUBBER BOOTS

AS YOU SEE THEM IN GIFT BOXES

Other well-known stores sell the large size for $3. At Sheinwald's 1.98

And the smaller sizes elsewhere, $2.50; here for 1.79

BOYS' HIGH CUT STORM SHOES Heavy waterproof leather, worth $3.50 and $4.00, go at 1.79

BOYS' SHOES

$2.00 Box Calf Bluchers, now 1.00

Children's $1.50 Shoes, foot form styles, for........ 69c

MEN'S SPECIALS

The "Walk-For-Ever" Shoes Guaranteed from maker to wearer, best $4.00 shoes made. This sale only 1.98

1,200 pairs of celebrated Rupert & Co. Shoes, $7.00 and $8.00 qualities, for 2.95

$4.00 Shoes 1.98

SLIPPERS AT ½ PRICE

Men's Romeos and Slippers, made by Evans & Co., especially for Xmas gifts. Every leading store in Boston sells them for $2.50 and $3. Marked down to 1.29

1.29

$1.50 Men's Xmas Slippers, all styles and sizes, 98c

600 pairs of Ladies' Fur-trimmed Juliets, all colors, best quality; regular $2 and $1.50 a pair. Marked down to 79c

79c

Why Pay $1.50 Elsewhere?

MISSES' SHOES

Now Cut to January ½ Prices.

$3 Shoes, now cut down to 1.49

$2.50 High Cut Button or Lace Shoes, only........ 1.39

Boys' Box Calf $2.00 Shoes, now reduced to... 98c

STAGE STAR WHO SOLVES SUFFRAGE IN CLEVER SKIT

"To vote or not to vote"—that is the woman's question which is ingeniously answered at the close of the new and timely playlet, "Cupid at Home," in which Eleanor Gordon opened her second week yesterday at Keith's Theatre.

This skit is an amusing presentation of a domestic jar between a happy young couple because wifey neglects her household duties under the burden of a multitude of club activities.

How the young husband, who has had to care for the baby, evolves a happy solution of the problem and reconciles her to her old place in the home offers a pleasing yet thoughtful contribution to the discussion of women's right and women's duties.

Miss Gordon's sketch seems to be as amusing to the proponents as to the opponents of woman's suffrage and the young husband sums up his view of this much-debated topic just before the final curtain when his wife asks: "And you do believe in votes for women?" to which he answers: "You can vote all you like as long as you don't neglect your home to do it."

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DETECTIVES ON TRAIL OF A NEW MAN IN THE GLOVER DEATH CASE

There will be no compromise plea by Hattie Le Blanc, charged with the murder of her employer, Charles F. Glover. Nathan A. Tufts, counsel for the accused French-Canadian girl, to-day declared that he would fight the case to a finish, and that he was confident he would establish the innocence of his client.

"Hattie Le Blanc will not plead guilty to firing the shot that killed Glover," said Attorney Tufts at Waltham to-day. "I deny the rumor that I have approached District Attorney Higgins on the subject of a compromise plea. Our contention is the same to-day that it always has been—that the Le Blanc girl is not guilty of the crime charged her by the government.

"Developments may, however, alter the present status of the case. At present, however, there is no reason why the defence should make any change in its contention."

Real Name Henriette.

Dispatches to-day from West Arichat, C. B., show that Hattie Le Blanc, on the day of the murder of her employer, was exactly sixteen years and one month old. In the eyes of the law she is a juvenile until her seventeenth birthday.

According to the dispatches received today the accused girl was baptized Henriette Anne. The certificate of her birth was obtained from the parish priest and parish cure at West Arichat.

Translated from the French, in which the priest and cure wrote the certificate, which they took from the church records, it reads as follows:

"Extract from the register of baptisms, marriages and burials of the parish of West Arichat (Acadiaville), for the year 1893:

"On the 20th of October, 1893, I, the undersigned priest, have baptized Henriette Anne, born on the same day, of the legitimate marriage of Abraham C. Le Blanc and of Marie Fougere; godfather, Thomas Le Blanc; godmother, Agnes Le Blanc.

"A. P. McPHERSON, priest."

"Which extract, I, the subscriber, parish cure of West Arichat, certify to be in conformity to the original register preserved in the archives of said parish.

"J. ED. ROBITAILLE, parish cure."

Innocent, Say Parents.

To-day's dispatches also declare that Hattie Le Blanc's parents are confident that she is innocent. They scout the idea that their daughter committed murder, and believe that God will spare their daughter and will give her her freedom.

The Le Blancs are a poor folk and would never have consented to Hattie and her sisters leaving home but for the fact that help was needed to support those left behind in West Arichat.

The real investigation of the mysterious murder of Clarence F. Glover in his Waltham laundry has begun. Two detectives, not known to be such, and who have not been connected with the case heretofore, have begun officially to dig into the baffling tragedy.

Right at the start these men took up a new line of work. There is a new suspect in the case who may have had an important part in the secret incidents of the Saturday night when Glover and Hattie Le Blanc held their fatal tryst. This man has not hitherto been considered at all in connection with the crime. He is a friend of one of the persons whose name has been mentioned as one of the most mysterious figures in the case.

Trace Girl's Life.

The detectives have taken up the life of this man and are tracing it incident by incident. They have already learned that there was more than one love story to be told in connection with the coterie of men and women who have been drawn into the mystery.

The new man who is under investigation, it is declared, was in love with one of the women mentioned. The detectives have not gone far enough yet to ascertain just how the new man may have figured in the events of the fatal evening, but they have found a number of facts that lead them to believe that he could throw much light on the matter.

The new men on the case are not taking anything for granted and they are not at all satisfied that Glover's dying statement that Hattie Le Blanc shot him settles the matter.

CARRIE NATION AFTER SENATOR

WASHINGTON, D. C., Dec. 15.—Mrs. Carrie Nation visited the Capitol to-day with blood in her eye, in quest of the author of the Burkett anti-horse racing bill. She first went to the House and was from there directed to Senator Burkett's office. The Nebraska Senator was not in his office. Mrs. Nation theerupon delivered a speech to a crowd that gathered in the corridor. The Capitol police appeared and escorted her out of the Senate office building. She then went to the Supreme Court room, where she remained for some time, watched by the police until she departed.

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762 PERISHED IN EXPLOSION

VICTORIA, B. C., Dec. 15.—Details were brought by the steamer Monteagle, which arrived yesterday from Japan, of the tragedy at Onoura colliery, Fukuoka prefecture, November 24, involving loss of 762 lives, but forty-three of the miners escaping after an explosion.

The mine is one of the largest in southern Japan, and employed 4,755 miners. The mine management gave $100 to the family of each victim and is providing for the bereaved.

SAILOR BREAKS SKULL.

Albert Peterson, forty-eight, a seaman, while boarding the schooner William Busby at Crowley's wharf, Charlestown, tripped and fell into the hold, a distance of about thirty feet. His skull was fractured and both legs broken.

Satisfactory Gifts
Paine Furniture Co
48 Canal Street Between North Station and Haymarket Square

A piece of furniture, useful as well as ornamental, is a gift which is always appreciated. Hundreds of attractive articles are displayed in our new "Gift Room," an inspection of which cannot fail to reveal an appropriate suggestion.

Mahogany Magazine Stand, inlaid, three shelves, drawer	19.50
Brass Candlestick, with shade and candle	3.00
Mahogany Tea Table, glass tray, oval shelf	18.00
Mahogany Work Table, pedestal base, 3 drawers, drop leaves	24.00
Mahogany Triple Toilet Glass	30.00
White Enamel Desk, drop lid, fluted legs	27.00
Mahogany Telephone Table, with seat and swinging telephone shelf	11.00
Mahogany Writing Table, 3 drawers, 2 compartments for stationery	30.00
Brass Clothespole, 4 double hooks	8.50
Mahogany Dressing Table, swell front, oval beveled mirror	25.00

Mission Oak Combination Bookcase and Desk 15.00.

Gold Mirror, Colonial pattern with picture panel	20.00
Mahogany Shaving Stand, drawer, round mirror, claw feet	16.00
Mahogany Music Cabinet, 10 shelves	25.00
Mahogany Bookrack, 3 compartments	12.00
Mahogany Desk Chair, Colonial pattern	7.50
Mahogany Tea Wagon, rubber tires, removable glass tray	35.00
Mahogany Shaving Stand, large mirror, 2 drawers, closet	20.00
Mahogany Toilet Glass, adjustable mirror	12.50

Brown Oak Rocker 11.50.

Oriental Rugs—Folding Screens

Fitzgerald's Campaign

FITZGERALD LEADERS ARE ANNOYED BECAUSE THERE'LL BE NO DEBATE

There was gloom at the John F. Fitzgerald mayoralty campaign headquarters in the Niles block to-day, for the near-debate between the former Mayor and rival Candidate Storrow, scheduled for to-morrow night in the Roxbury High School, has been called off. The meeting was planned by the Roxbury Improvement Association.

The Fitzgerald men have been trying for several days to make the affair a debate. The Storrow camp balked at this, and it was arranged that each candidate should speak for himself and eschew anything that had the semblance of debating tactics.

The Fitzgerald men were satisfied with this program. They figure that their candidate can talk faster and say more than any other man in Boston within a given time.

To-day, however, the Fitzgerald managers were notified that to-morrow night's meeting has been postponed, owing to Mr. Storrow's inability to fit the meeting into his schedule. The abandonment of the meeting didn't "rile" the Fitzgerald men nearly so much, however, as the information that "by special request of Mr. Storrow, the meeting has been postponed till the night of Thursday, December 23."

To Take a Christmas Rest.

"Thursday, December 23," is one of three days which candidate Fitzgerald has specified shall be days of rest in his Mayoralty campaign. On Thursday, December 23, Friday, 24, and Saturday 25, Christmas Day, he will suspend his campaign activities.

Just what to do is what puzzles the Fitzgerald managers. If they refuse to agree to the December 23 date, somebody will say they are afraid to send their candidate on the same stump with Mr. Storrow, they figure. If they accept, somebody is just as certain to charge them with "breaking a campaign pledge." The matter hung fire all day. Mr. Fitzgerald himself will not return until just in time to begin his to-night's tour of the city's wards. His managers decided to say and do nothing about the matter till his return.

The former Mayor started back to Boston on the 1 p. m. from New York, where he attended the banquet to William R. Hearst last night. His program for to-night is a busy one. It includes visits to a gathering of the Joint Council, City Employes Union, at Vine Street Church, the Mount Bowdoin Athletic Association's dance in Jubilee Hall, Grove Hall, the Knights and Ladies of Roscommon dance at Paul Revere Hall, Mechanics Building, and the Catholic Club theatricals at American Music Hall.

More "Fitz" Signatures.

Mr. Fitzgerald was not out of touch with political events in Boston to-day despite his absence from the city. He called his headquarters by long distance telephone during the morning.

The last batch of Fitzgerald nomination signatures will be filed with the Election Commissioners to-morrow. The Fitzgerald managers claim to have more than 200 additional papers, with more than 10,000 signatures. More than 9,000 names have already been filed with the Election Commissioners.

ARREST BARES LYNN ROMANCE

LYNN, Dec. 15.—Great was the astonishment in social circles to-day when it became known that Miss Mary Donlin had became the wife of Andrew B. Gormley, for whom, as a fugitive from justice, Inspectors Patterson and Rooney of Boston police headquarters are now in Seattle, Washington. Mrs. Gormley is now with her husband, for whom she put up the $2,000 bail when he was convicted of larceny from Frederick B. Drury of Barre, Vt.

To-day it developed that Miss Donlin was the mysterious veiled woman who haunted the Suffolk County court house in Boston during Gormley's trial. Gormley was convicted of selling to Drury a worthless automobile for $500. He had also sold worthless horses when he was a trader and once was convicted for that.

Making Merry

At Mealtime, Means Good Appetite, Good Digestion, Good Cheer, Good Heart and Stuart's Dyspepsia Tablets.

Do You Use Them? If Not, Why?

DYSPEPSIA is the skeleton at the feast; the death's head at the festive board. It turns cheer into cheerlessness, gaiety into gloom and festivity into farce. It is the ghost in the home, haunting every room and sitting at every fireplace, making otherwise merry people shudder and fear. If there is one disease more than another that should be promptly attacked and worsted, it is DYSPEPSIA. It is the very genius of unhappiness, unrest and ill nature. In time it will turn the best man almost into a demon of temper and make a good woman something to be dreaded and avoided.

It is estimated that half of one's troubles in this world comes of a stomach gone wrong—of Dyspepsia, in short. Foods taken into the stomach and not properly cared for; converted into substances that the system has no use for and hasn't any notion what to do with. It is irritated and vexed, pained and annoyed, and in a little while this state of things becomes general and directly there is "something bad to pay." The whole system is in a state of rebellion and yearns to do something rash and disagreeable and a fine case of Dyspepsia is established and opens up for business.

If you were bitten by a mad dog, you would not lose a day in going to a cure; do you know you should be just as prompt with Dyspepsia? Rabies is a quick death, dyspepsia is a slow one; this is about all the difference. There is a cure for rabies, and so there is for Dyspepsia, and one cure was about as difficult to discover as the other. Pasteur found out one and the F. A. STUART COMPANY the other, and it is no longer a secret, as it is made public in the wonderful Tablet, which so many are using and praising today. One writer says of it:

"Stuart's Dyspepsia Tablets are little storehouses of digestion which mix with the stomach juices, digest food, retingle the mucous membrane and its nerve centres, give to the blood a great wealth of digestive fluids, promote digestion and stay by the stomach until all its duties are complete."

Some cures are worse than the disease; they demand This, That and the Other and the patient despairs at the requirements; but not so with the Stuart Dyspepsia Tablet; they are easy and pleasant to take and no nausea or ill feeling follows. There is none of this "getting all-over-the-mouth" like a liquid and making the remedy a dread. Another writer says:

"It matters not what the condition of the stomach, Stuart's Dyspepsia Tablets only improve the juices and bring quiet to the whole digestive canal, of which the stomach is the centre."

Forty thousand physicians use these tablets in their practice and every druggist sells them. Price 50c. Send us your name and address and we will send you a trial package by mail free. Address F. A. Stuart Co., 150 Stuart Bldg., Marshall, Mich.

Double Legal Stamps will be given with every purchase mornings, until 12 o'clock noon, at Wolf's, "My Clothier," corner Hanover and Portland streets. Single stamps thereafter.

DANCES NAMED FOR CANDIDATES

Fifty young men of Roxbury connected with the Putnam Athletic Association will show some class at a dance to be given under their auspices in Intercolonial Hall, Dudley street, Roxbury, next Monday night. They have prepared a number of new "spiels" which have bearing on the coming mayoralty contest between John F. Fitzgerald, James J. Storrow and George A. Hibbard.

Here are three of them: "Sweet Adeline," "Glad Hand" and "Non-Partisan Nance," auto dances, dedicated to the machines used by the candidates in their quest for votes around the city. Alderman "Jim" Timilty, a Fitzgerald supporter, has signified his intention to whirl his fair partner over the polished floor when "Sweet Adeline" is reached on the dance card. Councilman Kenny and "Joe" Ward, who are supporting Storrow in Ward 18, will do the same thing when the "Glad Hand" dip is reached.

No one as yet has consented to support Hibbard's "Non-Partisan" galop on the ballroom floor. The committee of arrangements hopes that Secretary White will attend and show some of the girls from the Missouri section of Ward 18 just what the dance is like.

On the committee of arrangements are Joseph Duffy, John O'Brien, John King, James Carroll, Timothy Scanlan, Lawrence Kenny, James Ellsworth, Joseph Harrington, Daniel Kenny and John Prendergast.

SATURDAY EVENING OPERA ABOLISHED

After the performance of "Madame Butterfly" at the Boston Opera next Saturday evening there will be no more opera performances Saturday evenings and the Sunday night concerts will also be discontinued. The management gives as a reason the necessity to facilitate the preparation for the Western tour which begins in three or four weeks. Saturday night and Sunday evening will now be occupied with rehearsals. The public who wish to hear opera will find the Thursday evening performances to their taste and even for the regular subscription nights there are good seats on sale at the box office.

BATHE IN THE SNOW—The Sunday American will tell in detail the newest heroic, near-nature midwinter cure. Don't miss this.

DOG GIVES ALARM FOR $5,000 FIRE

Fire early to-day damaged the beautiful residence of Fletcher L. Torrey at Wellesley. The loss will exceed $5,000. The Torrey, who is a member of the firm of Torrey, Bright & Capen, was awakened by the barking of his dog. The house was full of smoke. Mr. Torrey called his wife and a servant, the only other persons in the house, and all escaped to the street. Firemen succeeded in carrying many pieces of valuable furniture and bric-a-brac to safety.

MEDICAL STUDENTS TORTURE COMRADES

PHILADELPHIA, Dec. 15.—Branded by fellow members of a secret society on their foreheads with iodine, on their forearms with nitrate of silver and on the upper parts of their left arms with a white hot iron, five students had their burns dressed in the Medico-Chirurgical Hospital to-day. All the young men are members of the senior class of Medico-Chi, who were recently initiated into one of the fraternities.

GEORGE COHAN'S LATEST SONG SUCCESS FREE—Words and music of "There's Something About a Uniform," from "The Man Who Owns Broadway," in the Sunday American.

STRANGER TO BATH SUED FOR DIVORCE

ATLANTA, Dec. 15.—Unable to endure her husband, because she could not persuade him that cleanliness was next to godliness, Mrs. Allie Grant entered suit for divorce to-day against Warren Grant. Sometimes he did not take a bath for four or five months, she says; the washerwomen refused to wash his clothes and the house servant refused to make up his bed.

HORSES RUN AWAY WITH DEAD BODY

The horses drawing a wagon conveying the body of a New Bedford man to Woodlawn for burial were frightened by a roll of tin that fell from a wagon ahead in Charlestown and ran down Chelsea street. Horses and wagon collided with a Cliftondale car. The wagon was badly damaged. The horses were brought to a stop at the North Chelsea drawbridge. After the casket was transferred to the wagon of a Chelsea undertaker the journey to the cemetery was resumed.

COLDS CAUSE HEADACHE. LAXATIVE BROMO Quinine, the worldwide Cold and Grip remedy, removes cause. Call for full name. Look for signature E. W. Grove. 25c.

XMAS CHEER AT SHUMAN STORE

Christmas quotations, Christmas legends, Christmas decorations, Christmas feelings and Christmas gifts, all have a place in the great stores of A. Shuman & Co. at Washington and Summer streets.

A. Shuman & Co. have always made a great deal of the Christmas season and one very different from that ordinarily seen in large stores. To teach a Christmas sentiment has always been the end aimed at, and more than ordinary space is given each holiday season to the purely Christmas display.

This year some ten or twelve Dickens booths have been scattered through the store and apt quotations from Charles Dickens's Christmas Carols are seen everywhere one turns.

"I will honor Christmas in my heart," "Then Christmas begins to stay with us the whole year round we shall make this earth a very different place," and "A Merry Christmas to Everybody," are some of the Dickens thoughts displayed in beautifully lettered designs.

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SAYS WITNESS IS KEPT AWAY

Lawyer Leslie M. Simpson, counsel for Daniel Blake Russell, claimant of half of the $500,000 estate left by Daniel Russell of Melrose, at the hearing in the East Cambridge Probate Court to-day, charged Ferdinand C. Almy, co-executor of the estate, with preventing Mrs. Hannah Lynde, the claimant's aunt, from testifying at the trial.

Mr. Simpson told the court that Mrs. Lynde was subpoenaed on September 22, but that she was prevented from coming to court. Attorney Nason, for William C. Russell, said that he would try to have Mrs. Lynde brought in court to-morrow.

Mr. Simpson also asked the court to compel William C. Russell, the brother who is fighting Daniel Blake Russell's claim, to come into court. The court made no ruling on this demand. William C. Russell has not been in court since the case opened.

The lawyers for the claimant to-day put more witnesses on the stand in rebuttal in an effort to disprove the charge that the claimant is not Daniel Blake Russell, but is James D. Ruseau.

While examining one of these witnesses Lawyer Simpson accidentally touched the ends of a hanging electric light wire, and in an instant there was a flash and some smoke. Mr. Simpson's hand was painfully burned.

"WONDERLAND" FULL OF TOYS

What is Christmas without toys? Christmas is primarily the children's holiday and toys are what the little ones most desire. Well named "Wonderland" is the great toy department of the Henry Siegel Company. There, on the third floor of the great store, is the real "Wonderland" for the little ones.

A visit to the toy department in the great Siegel store is the best treat you can give the children at this time. Santa Claus greets his little friends as they step from the moving stairs. The jolly old elf gives each one a medal and a full list of the toys to be had in "Wonderland." Mechanical toys, more elaborate than ever seen before in Siegel's toy department, are displayed this year. A fine assortment of dolls is bound to delight the little girls. Then the magic lanterns this year are a revelation of the wonderful progress toy making is achieving.

There are toys, toys, toys everywhere in all of that great third floor of the big store. An artist has made the display, for the different kinds of toys are so grouped as to make the most pleasing and striking effect. The Henry Siegel Company is keeping open house for the children now. "Take them to "Wonderland."

YOUR KIDNEYS WILL ACT FINE AND ALL BLADDER DISTRESS VANISHES.

If you take several doses of Pape's Diuretic, all backache and distress from out-of-order kidneys or bladder trouble will vanish, and you will feel fine.

Lame back, painful stitches, rheumatism, nervous headache, dizziness, irritability, sleeplessness, inflamed or swollen eyelids, worn-out, sick feeling and other symptoms of sluggish, inactive kidneys disappear.

Uncontrollable, smarting, frequent urination (especially at night) and all bladder misery ends.

Feeling miserable and worried is needless, because this unusual preparation goes at once to the disordered kidneys, bladder and urinary system and distributes its healing, cleansing and vitalizing influence directly upon the organs and glands affected, and completes the cure before you realize it.

The moment you suspect any kidney or urinary disorder or feel rheumatism pains, begin taking this harmless medicine, with the knowledge that there is no other remedy at any price, made anywhere else in the world, which will effect so thorough and prompt a cure as a fifty-cent treatment of Pape's Diuretic, which any druggist can supply.

Your physician, pharmacist, banker or any mercantile agency will tell you that Pape, Thompson & Pape, of Cincinnati, is a large and responsible medicine concern, thoroughly worthy of your confidence.

Only curative results can come from taking Pape's Diuretic, and a few days' treatment means clean, active, healthy kidneys, bladder and urinary organs—and no backache.

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We Give Double Stamps Every Morning

You can have **Two Legal Stamps** with every ten cent purchase made here before 12 o'clock, noon, after noon **One** stamp, as usual. Besides the double stamps, you have the advantage of more elbow room and more leisure if you shop in the morning—not only here in the store, but in the cars going and coming.

Women's Xmas Bath Robes

Graceful lines, pretty sleeves and dainty patterns give the wrappers and house robes such a dress-up air that they are quite suitable for afternoons and evenings by one's own fireside—just the thing for a Christmas gift for mother or sister.

Blanket Bath and Lounging Robes

Made of pure wool, in handsome designs, large sailor collar, low neck, both having wide bands of extra fine satin, silk cord and loops; all sizes and colors. Special for Thursday **3.98**

Toy Specials

WHIRL A MOBILE, a very amusing toy for young children (new this year); value 25c. Special, at...... **18c**

SQUIRREL IN CAGE, mechanical, worth 50c, for **35c**

PITS TOY STORES, new and novel; value 50c, for **37c**

Hand Bags

GRAIN LEATHER HAND BAGS, with large script initials, value $1.50. Special, at **95c**

Xmas Jewelry

JOINTLESS CUFF PINS AND VEIL PINS, gold filled, complete in box, value 75c. Special, at............... **29c**

MESH COIN PURSE, with chain. Regular price 50c, for **39c**

Holiday Books

CHARLES CARLTON COFFIN'S FAMOUS BOOKS FOR BOYS. Including: "Winning His Way," "Following the Flag," "My Days and Nights on the Battle-field." Publisher's original price $3.75 per set. Our price....... **59c**

FATHER TUCK'S ANNUAL, the famous English annual. Regular price 95c each, for **59c**

Seal Plush Coats

An Acceptable Gift

BEAUTIFUL COATS of the very finest Seal Plush, richly dyed so as to make it impossible to distinguish from the real fur, handsome 54-inch model, semi-fitting, extra large rolling shawl collar, full, wide sleeves, turn-back cuffs, guaranteed satin linings throughout. On sale Thursday at **14.98**

Genuine 25.00 Suits Marked Down to 9.75

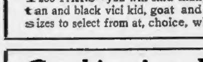
Made from all wool materials, lined with the best satins, modeled after imported garments, all colors and sizes to select from. The illustration portrays one of the styles included in this tremendous markdown.

Gift Gloves for Xmas

WOMEN'S MOCHA GLOVES, genuine Mocha, with Milanese silk lining, all sizes, in grays, reindeer and black. Special at.. **1.50**

WOMEN'S KID GLOVES, in tan, black, white, brown and gray, all new clean goods, perfect fitting. Worth $1.00 pair, at...... **69c**

Men's 1.50 and 2.00 Slippers



SAMPLES AND FACTORY COUNTERMANDS, finished too late to ship to original puschasers. **1.00** In the lot—of which there are 1 280 PAIRS—you will find many new and stylish designs in tan and black vici kid, goat and calf leathers, all sizes to select from at, choice, while they last.... **1.00**

Combination Undermuslins

This Beautiful $2.50 Allover Front Combination, Either Drawer or Skirt Style, in Sizes 34 to 44. Special at

$1.69

A most complete stock of Combination Garments are here at all prices from, each, 79c to 6.98

DAISY FLANNEL UNDERSKIRTS—No more acceptable or practical Xmas gift could be given than one of our richly embroidered ruffle underskirts of Daisy Flannel. We have the most complete stock of any store in Boston. They look as good as the real flannel garments that sell for $2.00 and $3.00. All we ask is... **59¢, 79¢** and **98¢**
(Colors red, gray, pink, blue, cream and white.)

CORSET COVERS—No store in Boston can show you the assortment of styles or values in Corset Covers that we can at **50¢, 69¢** and **79¢**
(All neatly boxed—ready for mailing.)

BLACK AND COLORED SILK PETTICOATS—The best all silk Petticoat in either plain or changeable colors that it's possible to produce at the price is offered this week at........... **3.98**

Xmas Novelties

POST CARD ALBUMS, holding 300 cards. Value 50c, for **29c**

REAL JAPANESE POST CARDS, 12 for **25c**

CABINET BOX PAPER, two quires, assorted sizes. Value 50c, for........ **35c**

Xmas Aprons

FANCY ROUND TEA APRONS, lace and hamburg trimmed, five styles to choose from. Value 39c each, at, choice **25c**

ROUND TEA APRONS, extra fine hamburg trimmed, large assortment, worth 50c, 75c and $1.00, at choice . **35c** and **50c**

Buy Red Cross Stamps

Are on sale here. We are glad to lend our aid to this magnificent movement for the stamping out of the "White Plague." Buy as many stamps as you can afford—they cost 1c. each—and stick them on your letters and gift parcels. Encourage others to do so. Every penny goes to the National Red Cross Society's fund for fighting Consumption. Stamps are on sale at Information Bureau, Main Floor, Washington St. Section.

Popular Neckwear Gifts

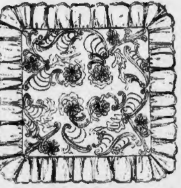
TWO of our many attractive values in WOMEN'S XMAS NECKWEAR, for **50c**

You'll find an endless variety of new and dainty Neckwear here to select from, each in a handsome Xmas box, upwards from **25c**

PHOENIX AND BRADLEY MUFFLERS, all sizes, in white and colors, a popular Xmas gift for man, woman or child, at, choice **50c**

Please Carry Small Packages

Japanese Pillow Slips



With gold embroidery work and plain silk ruffle, all ready for pillow, regular price 2.25, special at

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On Sale 4th Floor

SCOTCH LACE CURTAINS, regular price $3.25, $4.50 and $6.95 a pair. For **2.50, 3.50** and **5.00**

IRISH POINT LACE CURTAINS. Special, at, pair **5.00**

STAND WORK BASKETS, **1.75** to **10.00**

MOTTOES, PIPE RACKS and HAT RACKS, for den walls, **50¢** to **5.00**

LACE BED SETS, deep flounce, including shams, **3.98, 5.00** and **7.50**

SCRAP BASKETS **50¢** to **2.50**

MUSLIN CURTAINS, at, pair................ **50c**

COUCH COVERS. 60 inches wide......... **3.98**

Storrow's Campaign

MORE LEADERS ARE EXPECTED TO LINE UP SOON FOR STORROW

The James J. Storrow campaign for **Mayor, already decorated with the most elaborate headquarters** and the longest **string of political experts** in the history of Boston politics, is to be touched up. There **will be new blood** in the circles of men who **do the** inner work of the campaign within a **few days.** Just who the stars will be in the **new** Kimball building constellation the Stor**row** managers are not ready to say just yet. **But they** promise some surprises.

Storrow managers have filed 197 nomination papers with the Election Commission**ers.** It is epected that about 6,500 names **on these papers** will pass inspection. The **Storrow** papers thus far have shown a **falling off** of about 20 per cent. in the Elec**tion Commissioners'** examinations. Of the **first batch** of 4,000 signatures, a little more than 3,000 were allowed to get by.

A call was sent out to-day for all nomin**ation papers.** Their return is expected to **boost** the Storrow signature totals consid**erably.** Secretary William C. Pree of the **Citizens'** Municipal League has not en**tirely abandoned** the canvassing of Storrow signatures, although he was relieved several days ago to devote his full time to work for the City Council ticket of the League.

Chairmen for Storrow.

Candidate Storrow met several lieutenants to-day at his headquarters in the Kimball Building. He devoted part of his time to directing the certifying of nomination signatures and copying them on his campaign mailing list.

To-night Mr. Storrow will address the North Dorchester Athletic Association at its clubhouse, Dudley and Clifton streets, and the Ward 17 Republican Club at its headquarters, No. 318 Dudley street.

The Storrow managers announce that they have just discovered what most city politicians have known for several days—that Chairman Dennis McGillicuddy of the Ward 10 Democratic committee and Dr. Charles P. Bean, chairman of the Ward 12 Republican committee, are on the Storrow band wagon. They also announce that the ward committees headed by these men are unanimously for Storrow. The Fitzgerald folks differ with them on this point.

Activity in Ward 24.

The Storrow committee in Ward 24, Dorchester, has established headquarters in the Lithgow building, Codman square, with the following executive committee:

Jeremiah F. Scannell, Dr. Henry C. Towle, G. Warren Hayward, Alfred L. Varney (secretary), George H. Cavanaugh, M. Frank Carney, Major P. F. O'Keefe, W. David McLaughlin, Ola Larsen, Dr. Arthur W. Blair, James A. McKibben, Stephen F. McLaughlin, James Chambers, James E. Coyle, Walter R. Grant, Frank L. Young, Leonard Martin, John H. Rogers, John W. Abbott, Maurice J. O'Brien and Fred S. Colby.

Storrow rallies last night were held at the Jackson Club, Ward 3; Cotton Hall, Ward 4; the Republican ward headquarters in Ward 18, the Storrow headquarters in Wards 17 and 21, and a gathering in Jubilee Hall, Grove Hall. Mr. Storrow said:

To Take Office Unpledged.

"I have never had an unfair bias in my life as to politics, creed or color. I am in favor of the employment of citizen labor and of doing away with contract labor so far as possible. The greatest cause of the present feeling against day labor in city work is the fact that pretended friends have mixed up political heelers with the honest workingmen so that those who desired were prevented from returning an honest day's work to the city. I am going to turn that disfavor for day labor to a favorable attitude.

"If I am elected Mayor I shall take my seat with the city's assets absolutely unpledged. I propose to take up the needs of the different sections of the city in a fair and impartial manner. You will not find me on the first day of February, if I take office, mortgaged up to the eyes with all sorts of promises or any promises which will prevent a fair and impartial consideration of any public improvement which you may wish to advocate for Charlestown. I shall not give you what you are not entitled to, nor will I do this to any other part of the city."

BOUQUETS FOR RIVALS IN 10TH

Other candidates may throw mud at **each other** and call each other hard names, **but James B.** Connolly, author, journalist **and friend** of Roosevelt, and Representa**tive William** H. O'Brien refuse to swap **anything** but courtesies despite the fact **that they** expect to be rival candidates **for the Democratic** nomination in the Tenth **Congressional** district next Fall. Here is **a letter** sent to Candidate Connolly by Can**didate O'Brien** a few days ago.

Friend Jim:

Should the turn of the political wheel find us opposed to each other in the Tenth District the worst I could say would be that if successful you would honor the district and the body itself. Good luck.—W. H. O'B.

And here is Candidate Connolly's reply:

Well, Billie, I haven't yet been tried out in politics. You have, and have not been found wanting. If I do not go to Washington and you do, I'll not begrudge my loss, for the main purpose will be served. All who know you have faith in you. Good luck to you as long as you are in the game. Sincerely yours, JAMES B. CONNOLLY.

A SUNDAY AMERICAN want advt. is often the road to fortune.

MR. 'CON' HAGGERTY COMPOSES SONG TO ELECT J. J. STORROW

CORNELIUS HAGGERTY

Little "Con" Haggerty of Charlestown woke up to-day and found himself known to fame. "Con" is a singer with a good local reputation. Now he is the author of a song. It isn't much of a song, to be sure—"Con" says so himself—but it sounds all right when he sings it.

When James J. Storrow appeared in the Jackson Club last night to make a speech "Con" was there with the song, which he released to the tune of "Down the Field," the college song. This is the way it ran:

Three cheers for Storrow,
Give a cheer for Storrow!
Johnny Fitz may fight to the end,
But Storrow will win.
Rah! Rah! Rah!

The author was interviewed to-day on his way to work in Boston. He was not unduly puffed up over his sudden notoriety.

"It was this way," said Mr. Haggerty. "We were singing all sorts of songs, and I said to one of the boys, 'What is the matter with making up a real original song of our own?' and they said all right, for me to go ahead and do it.

"So the words just came to me like to they are said to come to real poets, and I sung them over a time or two and had them ready for Storrow when he came. He liked the song, laughed at it and thanked me.

"Am I for Storrow? Sure thing, and I'm going to sing him into office."

FINEST FOOD FREE.—All you need is the ingredients, and Mme. Tetrazzini, the great diva, will tell you in the Sunday American how to prepare it.

FITZGERALD MAN? GUESS, SAYS BRAND

Chairman **Frederick J. Brand** of the Board **of Aldermen** says the statement that **he is to declare in favor** of John F. Fitzgerald **for Mayor** is entirely unauthorized **and pure guesswork.** He will not declare **for any one** until all the nominations **have been definitely** made.

He says he does not intend to withdraw from the **Citizens'** Municipal League councilmanic slate and declares that the statement that he has been offered a place on the Curley-Timilty-Giblin slate, which is backed by **the Fitzgerald** forces, is untrue.

"I am managing my own campaign," said Mr. Brand to-day. "So far I have remained neutral, and I intend to do so until it is definitely determined just who are to be candidates for Mayor and the Council. I know nothing about having been placed on the Curley-Timilty-Giblin slate. I have been asked whether I would accept a place on that slate. Until the offer has been made to me I do not think I have any business saying whether I would or would not accept or decline a place in that combination."

Notwithstanding the fact that Alderman Brand will not declare his preference between the mayoralty candidates for publication, it may be set down as a pretty safe guess that when the campaign is in full swing, he will be found working for the election of James J. Storrow for Mayor.

NEWS NOTES OF NO-PARTY POLITICS

"Not the slightest danger of our not getting enough signatures for all the candidates on our City Council ticket," says Secretary Pree of C. M. L. Mr. Pree's assurance doesn't satisfy the League's Council candidates, who are scouring the city for signatures, each for himself.

It looks as if there would be twenty two candidates on the ballot for the City Council. Besides the C. M. L. and Lomasney slates, there will be—with the help of the Election Commissioners—J. Frank O'Hare, Frank A. Goodwin, Thomas F. Curley and Frank N. Crane.

"Don" O'Connell is booked for the managership of the Fitzgerald Speakers and Rallies Bureau. "Don" had charge of this feature in the two previous Fitzgerald campaigns and in the recent Vahey-Foss campaign.

Mayor Hibbard is still getting nomination signatures, although assured of a place on the ballot by the names already filed. Funny how easy signatures come when one doesn't need them!

Some Republican ward leaders would like to force the resignation of Herman Hormel from the secretaryship of the Republican City Committee because Hormel is backing Storrow, a Democrat, for Mayor. Wake up! Plan Two was adopted!

James M. Curley's name was affixed to a nomination paper for the City Council slate of the Citizens' Municipal eLague. "Rank forgery," says James.

Here's the result of a straw ballot taken at the last meeting of the Dorchester Gentlemen's Driving Club: Hibbard 17, Fitzgerald 7 and Storrow 5. Fitzy is a member at that.

Under the old charter the voters would be reading the result of the election held yesterday instead of being at the beginning of one of the hottest campaigns in the history of the town.

One of the political heelers with a silver touch makes this complaint against Fitzgerald. He says he has a big dog in front of his home on Wells avenue and if anybody attempts to go in the canine assumes a very menacing attitude. Colonel Field says the only people the dog objects to are "Bunkers."

How many votes will it take to land a place among the winners for the new city council of nine? The politicians all have their pencils out figuring it up since voters can express a choice for nine, and there will be probably only twenty from which to make a choice of nine. Shrewd politicians figure that the candidate who gets 30,000 votes will come pretty near heading the ticket because of the "bulleting" which will be a feature of the fight.

"I will spend less money in the present fight than any of the candidates, and I will accomplish more with it," said Mayor Hibbard as he opened up an envelope yesterday containing a $100 contribution to his campaign fund. The Mayor does not propose to actively begin his fight until after Christmas.

MOST COSTLY HOUSE—Read the romance of this strangest of dwellings in the Sunday American.

NOTED KENTUCKIAN DIES IN WASHINGTON

WASHINGTON, Dec. 25.—Ex-Representative "Little Phil" Thompson of Kentucky, who was stricken on the street with a hemorrhage of the stomach, died early to-day in the Emergency Hospital.

Colonel Thompson was one of the most noted and picturesque figures of Kentucky at one time. He represented the Harrodsburg district, a section of the State made famous by its Breckinridges and Blackburns. About thirty years ago "Little Phil" shot and killed his man and the trial, at which he was acquitted, attracted as widespread attention at that period as did the Thaw case, owing to the prominence of all parties involved.

CIGARS UNITED

Wondering what to give? Bear in mind how acceptable a box of good cigars is to you.

No matter what amount of money your gift represents it's our business to see that the greatest possible amount of cigar *quality* is there. A few suggestions:

HAVANA-AMERICAN, Universal Size, box of 50, $5.00

ORLANDO, Media Perfecto Size, box of 50, $4.00

PALMA DE CUBA, Media Perfecto size, box of 50, $3.00

LA TUNITA, Princess Size, box of 50, $2.50

ZAMORA, Selecto Size, box of 25, $1.00

UNITED CIGAR STORES

MRS. LEAVITT'S LAST LECTURE

CHICAGO, Dec. 15.—Ruth Bryan Leavitt, daughter of William Jennings Bryan, announces that she has appeared for the last time on the lecture platform and that her coming trip to South America and Europe is preparatory to her debut in the literary world.

"No, I am not running away from any bailiffs," she said, "and I am not campaigning for father," she said after her lecture. "I am going to start for Florida to-morrow. I will meet my family at Havana, where we spend Christmas. Father and mother, my two children, Ruth and Bryan, and Miss Dunlap of Jacksonville will make up the party.

"I will ascend the Amazon and gather material for my literary work. Then I will take the children and go to Paris. We will spend part of the Winter at Hanover, Germany."

DANCING WIFE CAUSES FIGHT

LYNN, Dec. 15.—Elmer C. Clements of Prospect street says that when his wife talked in her sleep about another man he lost all patience and demanded an explanation. The result was that to-day in the Police Court Elmer appeared to answer a charge of assault and battery made by Ralph Hill of No. 833 Summer street.

Elmer acknowledged that he had struck Ralph and he had to pay a fine of $5 to satisfy the demands of justice.

Clements told Judge Lummus that late last night he saw his wife talking with Hill in Summer street. He said that his wife had introduced Hill to him about one month ago and that when he found she was going with the man to dances he remonstrated with both. He declared he had warned Hill to keep away from Mrs. Clements and that when he saw them together he lost his temper and waded in. He said to-day that he was going to bring a suit for divorce.

ROTTERDAM BOATS DIRECT TO BOSTON

The Holland-American steamship line, will begin early next month to run its boats direct from Rotterdam to Boston, thus giving the city an important connection with a thriving city in a hustling part of the old world. The securing of this service is the result of negotiations by the traffic department of the Boston & Maine railroad.

The boats will run fortnightly at first, and if the business increases, a weekly service may be necessary.

Special Notice.

CASTORIA,
For Infants and Children.
The Kind You Have Always Bought
Bears the Signature of Chas. H. Fletcher

Merchandise Bonds—Transfer Desk—Main Floor

Music in Restaurant 12 to 2 — Music in Restaurant 6:30 to 8:30

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Washington and Essex Sts., Boston, Mass. — *Only Strictly Fireproof Store*

Thursday Night Is Hundred Bargain Night

Concert every Evening in the Restaurant Dinner Served

Store Open Evenings

Tomorrow, Thursday, we will begin keeping our store open evenings and will be open every evening thereafter until Christmas, including Christmas eve. Up-to-date our Christmas business is thousands of dollars ahead of any previous year and we are determined that our evening holiday business shall show a corresponding increase. Consequently we inaugurate our evening business tomorrow at 6:30 P. M. with the strongest list of Christmas goods specials ever published in New England. **No Mail, 'Phone or C. O. D. orders on these specials.**

Bear in Mind This Important Fact — These specials will be on sale **Only on Thursday Evening** after 6.30 o'clock.

Save ⅔ on Gloves

This sale comes just in time for the holidays—an immense purchase of the celebrated Wertheimer's Gloves from the auction room of Gans & Co., Wooster St., New York, sold for the underwriters.

$2.25 Gloves for 79c — Wertheimer's 8-button black kid gloves, overseam sewn and Paris point backs.

$3.00 Gloves for 85c — Wertheimer's 12-button black kid gloves, overseam sewn and Paris point backs.

$3.50 Gloves for 95c — Wertheimer's 16-button colored kid gloves, made from the very best leather.

Chamois Gloves — Wertheimer's chamois gloves, prix seam sewn and Imperial backs. Regular $1.00 the pair.......... **69c**

Men's Slippers — Romeo style, in tan and black. Value $1.50 pair **89c**

Remnants — **Silks** in desirable weaves for holiday gifts in lengths ranging from 1 to 10 yards, including foulards, messalines, fancy silk, also black silk. Value up to $1 yd. **25c**

Remnants — **Wash Goods,** Outing Flannels, 3 to 20-yard lengths, stripes and checks; various styles, all colors, for night robes, pajamas and nursery wear, etc. Value 12½c and 15c yd. **7½c**

Remnants — **Wool Dress Goods,** in checks, plaids, Challies, Mohairs, Plain and Novelty Serges, etc; skirt and dress lengths. Value 50c to $1.00 a Yd. **25c**

Remnants — **Linings,** in Satins, Venetians, Sateens, Serges, Marvel Silk, silk Taffetas. Value up to 75c yd. **15c**

Leather Skins — Large size, red, green or gray, for table covers. Value $2.00, at **1.00**

Toilet Water — Various odors, put up in fancy boxes for the holiday trade, makes a very dainty and acceptable gift to any of your friends. Value 50c, at **19c**

Tea Kettles — Copper (nickel plated). No. 7 size, always a bargain. Value 98c, at **69c**

Hair Receivers — Japanese China, and Puff Boxes, hand painted, a variety of shapes and decorations. Value 25c, at **10c**

Club Bags — Popular club shape, made of a strong leatherette; waterproof, steel frame, brass lock and catches, strong handles, large and roomy; makes a fine bag for shopping or for traveling; nicely lined inside; 16-17-18. Value $2.00, at **98c**

Women's Hosiery — Pure silk, bright lustrous quality, made with six-inch lisle garter top and lisle split sole, all in neat gift boxes; black only. Value $1.25, at **75c**

Silk Vests — Women's, pure Italian silk, all in beautiful gift boxes; white, sky and pink; sizes 34 to 44. Value $2.50, at **1.59**

Combination — In Princess effect, made of finest quality lawn, drawer made flare, edged with lace, button back. Value $1.50, at **98c**

Umbrella Rack — A beautiful Christmas present which doesn't cost much. Many substantially made of oak, w. o. finish. Thursday Evening **95c**

Women's Handk'f's — Embroidered scallop and hemstitched in a large assortment of patterns. Value 25c, at **12½c**

Silk Scarfs — Silk figured, in all up-to-date colors. Value $1.50, at **79c**

Cuff Links — Handsome gold filled in a great many different patterns. Value 25c, pr. **12½c**

Jewel Boxes — Beautiful lot, silver and gold plated, all silk lined. Value $1.25, at **75c**

Fancy Goods — Beautiful Hand Painted Brush Broom Holders (with bows of silk ribbon on each side) and Broom. Value 59c, at **42c**

Pyro Outfit — Containing everything necessary for first class work, including guaranteed bulb and point. Value $1.50, at **98c**

Utility Coats — Long, graceful, 54 in. coats, in handsome scotch mixtures, semi-fitted back, inlaid coller contrasting shades, finished with ornamental buttons. Value $8.75, at **3.98**

Table Cloths — Pattern Table Cloths, fine quality, heavy weight, beautiful mercerized finish, desirable patterns, such as fleur de lis, rose, scrolls, etc. Size 8x10. Value $1.50, at **89c**

Crib Blankets — Teddy Bear, Bo-Peep, or Santa Claus, heavy weight, fleece, crib or carriage robe blanket, in pink or blue. Value 1.00, at **59c**

Oak Costumer — This Costumer is so well known and has brought so many customers that it is unnecessary to say much about it. It is made of solid oak stock, wrought iron body. Value 2.00, at **75c**

Men's Neckwear — All silk four-in-hands, made reversible, put up in beautiful individual gift boxes, a large selection of new colorings. Value 29c & 35c, at **21c**

Tourist Rolls — Genuine leather, all fitted with ebony brush, tooth brush and comb. Value $1.00, at **50c**

Leather Bags — Fine lot of Envelope Bags, Wellesley Bags, Ooze Calf Opera Bags, all at one price. Value $1.00, at **25c**

Imported Jewelry — Beautiful Brooches, Veil Pins, etc., all made by hand and set with different colored stones. Value $3.00, at **49c**

Embroid. Patterns — For Corset Covers, embroidered on fine material, nicely ribboned and boxed, a very desirable gift. Thursday Evening **65c**

Taffeta Ribbon — 5 inches wide, all shades. Value 29c & 39c, yd. **25c**

Women's Umbrellas — Silk gloria covers (the covers that give the best satisfaction), paragon frames, steel rods and silk case and tassel, in large variety of handles with sterling silver mounting, in natural, mission and gun metal handles; also the new long directoire handles. Many of the handles alone are worth $1.50 and $2.50. Value $3.50, at **1.98**

Lace Blouses — Hand made, real Brussels lace, this season's importation, all neatly boxed for Christmas gifts. Value $5.00, at **2.50**

Parlor Table — In quartered oak or mahogany finish; it has a carved edge and is beautifully polished. Value $4.50, at **1.95**

Famous Books — **Of fiction, with attractive cloth bindings, decorated covers, library size, printed from clean type;** the famous Alger books among the list: Aikenside, by Mary J. Holmes; Dora Deane, by Mary J. Holmes; Lena Rivers, by Mary J. Holmes; Beulah, by Augusta J. Evans; Inez, by Augusta J. Evans; The Baronet's Bride, by Agnes May Fleming; Who Wins? by Agnes May Fleming; Staunch as a Woman, by Charles Garvice; Led by Love, by Charles Garvice; Cast Up by the Tide, by Dora Delmar; Golden Gates, by Bertha M. Clay; Ten Nights in a Bar Room, by T. S. Arthur; Faith Gartney's Girlhood, by A. D. T. Whitney; Soldiers Three, by Rudyard Kipling; The Light That Failed, by Rudyard Kipling; Daddy's Girl, by L. T. Meade; The Rifle Rangers, by Mayne Reid; Two Years Before the Mast, by R. H. Dana; Great Expectations, Vol. 1, by Charles Dickens; Great Expectations, Vol. 2, by Charles Dickens; Ishmael, Vol. 1, by Mrs. Southworth; Ishmael, Vol. 2, by Mrs. Southworth; Self-Raised, Vol. 1, by Mrs. Southworth; Self Raised, Vol. 2, by Mrs. Southworth. Value 20c, at.......... **10c**

Kid Dolls — 16 in. tall, Bisque heads, moving and stationary eyes, fine wigs, shoes and stockings. The right doll for the child that is always breaking them, as a new head can be put on at any time. Value 69c, at **39c**

Women's Waists — In Black Taffeta, Messaline and Net Waists, odd lot taken from our regular stock, semi-tailored and fancy trimmed waists, open front or back, made of best quality materials and each a rare bargain, sizes 34 to 40. Value $5, $6, at **2.98**

Children's Sacques — Eiderdown and Fancy Knit Sacques, put up one in a nice Xmas box, assorted colors. On sale in Infants' Dept., 2d floor. Value $2.50, at **1.25**

Fur Sets — Mink pieced. Value $10.00, at **5.95**

Stained Glass — Imitation, large variety to choose from. Value 30c to 50c, at **21c**

Scrap Baskets — Trimmed with large bow of ribbon. Ribbon alone worth the price we are asking for the basket. Value $1.50, at **98c**

Carpet Sweeper — Bissell's make, Essex brand, one of the best made. Thursday eve. Value $2.00, at **1.39**

Gravy Ladles — Special lot Rogers' Bros. 1847 silver gravy ladles, in all the newest patterns. Value $1.00, at **69c**

Colored Pictures — Large size, 16x20, all pretty landscapes, framed in one-inch frames, with fancy corners. Value 75c, at **50c**

Utility Boxes — Burlap or Cretonne Shirt Waist or Utility Boxes, extra well made, large size. Value $1.75, at **1.00**

New Crop Nuts — Only the choicest, sound, new crop nuts are in the special mixture we offer for sale Thursday. They are priced extra special at 2 Lbs. for **25c**

Golden Corn Meal — Every day sees a new advance in the mill cost of corn meal. We offer part of our stock bought on contract at 4 Lbs. for **10c**

Quaker CornFl'k's — Buy enough Corn Flakes at this price to last a month and you'll save money. We offer up to store closing time Thursday night, regular 10c package. Per Package **7½c**

Finnan Haddie — Price keeps going up, but just once more we offer you the tastiest fresh cured Haddie specially priced. Per Pound **9c**

Also Fifty Other Specials Advertised Elsewhere

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Assignees' Shoe Sale

OF $75,000 SHOE STOCK OF NATIONAL SHOE STORES

SWEET 16 Summer St.

Unforeseen conditions compel this company to make an assignment in favor of all creditors. Weather conditions, backwardness of the season, high rent and small profit margins, heavy expenses, all combined to make this store's success uncertain---and so, in order to pay off at least a portion of the debts, THE ASSIGNEES NOW ANNOUNCE WHAT SHOULD PROVE THE GREATEST SHOE SALE BOSTON HAS EVER SEEN, TO START TOMORROW.

Shoes Now Go at Scarcely the Cost of Leather

ANY PRICE WILL DO, JUST SO SOME MONEY CAN BE RAISED TO PAY PART OF THE DEBTS

This $75,000 stock consists of this fall and winter's best style shoes and slippers in all sizes and leathers for men, women and children.

We, as Assignees, wish to announce that commencing Thursday, Dec. 16, we will place on sale **all of the men's and women's $4, $5 and $6 shoes at $3.45 to $3.95. All our $3.00 and $3.50 grades—$1.95, $2.45.** All the lower priced shoes will be placed in the Underpriced Basement of the store and sold **for less than 40 cents on the dollar.**

Signed: Rufus W. Jones, Assignee
Luther G. Straw, Assignee

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HEARST GIVEN OVATION BY MEN OF ALL PARTIES

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Cape Cod Oysters.

Fausse Tortue au Madere.
Hors d'Oeuvres Varies.

Spanish Mackerel Mexicaine.
Potatoes en Croquettes.

Coeurs de Filet de Boeuf aux Champignons Frais.

Fonds D'Artichauts du Barry.
Croutes de Ris de Veau Toulouse.

Sorbet au Benedictine.

Roast Golden Plovers au Cresson.
Salade Moderne.

Fancy Ice Cream.
Petits Fours. Fruits Assortis.
Cafe Noir.

Haut Barsac, 1904.
Moet & Chandon, White Seal, "Very Dry."

Apollinaris. Cigars.

NEW YORK, Dec. 15.—Eleven hundred "friends of good government," composed of the men of all parties and political faith, tendered a dinner to William Randolph Hearst last night at the Hotel Astor, and when the man who was defeated in the last election rose to speak 1,100 men came up with him in an ovation few successful candidates have ever received.

The Hotel Astor never saw such a demonstration before; at least, not from an audience in evening dress.

There is something about a stiff shirt and a high collar which seems to turn the most lively citizen into a sober, dignified person, but these men last night jumped to their feet with a succession of cheers which reached Broadway and halted the proceedings for a full five minutes.

Then, with the elected candidates—the men to whom Mr. Hearst's defeat spelled victory, applauding every sentence or laughing aloud at his Parthian shots at the old organizations, Mr. Hearst began to speak.

Pilloried Old Parties.

He began by reminding his hearers that Napoleon, when told of a brilliant victory achieved by one of his generals, said: "Very good, but what did he do the next day?"

With this sentence as the keynote of his speech, Mr. Hearst told the friends of good government and the men who had been elected as friends of good government "what should be done the next day."

The speech was one long triumph. Mr. Hearst pilloried the old parties.

"I am a devout believer in the democracy of Jefferson, and for that reason I cannot, in conscience, belong to the present Democratic party."

One-half the house cheered this sentence wildly, the other half remaining silent. But the Republicans died away with the next shot, and it was time for the Democrats to cheer.

All Join in Hearst Toast.

"I am an ardent devotee of the republicanism of Lincoln and for that reason I cannot belong to the present Republican party."

Every telling period was greeted with cheers; often it became necessary for Mr. Hearst to hold up his hand for silence.

So he went on to the end interrupted by cheers which ran from the dining floor to the packed galleries and when he sat down the glasses came up in a spontaneous toast, which was not proposed, but which every man drank.

At 9:25 Charles Sprague Smith, the toastmaster, called for silence.

"We have met," said he, "to celebrate a victory won in a skirmish. The real battle is ahead. It is to be fought during the next four years, and the victory will depend upon the valor and the persistence of the horse and foot—the horse, the officials-elect; the foot, ourselves."

Mr. Smith then went on to tell the story of his conferences with Mr. Hearst before the recent election.

"I called upon him in his home and told him that I thought it was his duty to make a fight. I realized then that without some such move on his part the city would continue under Tammany rule.

"He said that he did not care to expose himself to the calumnies and the slanders of another campaign, but seemed to take some heart from the statement that I did not think he could be elected."

(Loud cheers and much laughter, in which Mr. Hearst joined.)

Mr. Smith then described the final conference, at which Mr. Hearst announced himself as willing to make the battle and, with the diners beginning the cheering, called for a toast, which was entirely lost in the general roar which went up from all the tables.

Praise for Leader.

The roar deepened and swelled into one steady cheer as Mr. Hearst came to his feet and the ovation, led by the successful candidates who flanked him on either side, lasted for several minutes.

Mr. Hearst held his large audience for rather more than half an hour, and gave way to George P. McAneny, borough president elect, of Manhattan.

"This fight is not only a four year fight," said Mr. McAneny "but for the next four years we are here to answer for our pledges.

"We are here to promise that the pledges which Mr. Hearst made shall be made good."

(Cheers and cries of "good boy.")

"This was in many ways, an extraordinary campaign and the most extraordinary thing about it was the appearance at the crucial moment of the one man who had it in his power to strike the deciding blow.

"His appearance at the supreme moment of the campaign was intensely dramatic and the result of the fight proves that he wields a wonderful power in this community.

Loud Cheers of Approval.

"It means also that he is laid under a great responsibility. These pulpits from which he speaks to the people of this city are mighty pulpits.

"So long as we live up to the platforms upon which we have been elected so long we want Mr. Hearst's support. We want him to stand by and help us in the work which we have to do.

"Just the moment that we cease to do the things we promise to do just that moment we let him go his way, free to call down upon us any judgment that he chooses." (Applause and a voice, "And he'll call it down, too, George.")

Dr. Peters expressed his pleasure at being a guest at the dinner in honor of Mr. Hearst.

Job Hedges, by his sparkling wit, his epigrams and plain spoken truisms, kept his large audience in laughter, at attention and in spontaneous cheers of approval.

GEORGE COHAN'S LATEST SONG SUCCESS FREE—Words and music of "There's Something About a Uniform," from "The Man Who Owns Broadway," in the Sunday American.

MR. HEARST'S SPEECH AT BANQUET IN HIS HONOR

William Randolph Hearst, in his speech at the Hotel Astor banquet last night said in part:

"My friends: I have always regarded election to office not as an end but as an opportunity.

"In this election, therefore, while we have won a great battle we have only begun the greater campaign.

"When Napoleon was informed of a brilliant victory achieved by one of his generals, Napoleon said 'Very good, but what did he do on the next day?'

"Napoleon realized that the fruits of victory depend not more upon the victory itself than upon what is done to follow up the victory.

Now Is Time to Act.

"'On the next day,' the enemy which has been repulsed can be routed; the army which has been defeated can be destroyed.

"If the opportunities of the 'next day' are neglected the retreating enemy will reassemble and the battle must be fought anew.

"We have won a great victory my friends. Now what are we going to do on the 'next day?'

"It is a noteworthy fact that every reform administration in New York city has been succeeded by a Tammany administration.

"The blame for this state of affairs cannot be placed upon the voters, but must be laid at the door of the reformers.

"Reform administrations have heretofore considered themselves apart from the people and representative of a class superior to the people.

Represent Money Clique.

"From dizzy moral and intellectual heights they have condescendingly handed down an inspired government to an awed and expectant populace.

"They have deemed it their duty to give the people not the kind of government the people want, but the kind of government the reformers in their greater wisdom feel that the people ought to have.

"They have proceeded, moreover, on the principle of the quack doctor in prescribing his nostrums, and have concluded that the more distasteful a government is to the people the better it must necessarily be for the people.

"Again, reform administrations have too often been representative not only of a special class, but of a financial clique, and, while they have been properly alert to prevent peculation from the public treasury they have been blind to the plunder of special privileges and private franchises from public properties.

Must Continue Battle.

"Finally many reform administrations, while not subservient to the Democratic machine, have been submissive to the equally objectionable Republican machine.

"The opportunities for the success of the incoming administration lies in the fact that it promises to be a popular and progressive administration, a non-partisan administration and an independent administration.

"The administration, then, to be successfull on the 'next day,' has but to carry out promptly and fully and fearlessly the program upon which it won the battle on election day.

"The administration must protect the people in the possession of their public property and develop the public property for the greatest benefit of the people.

"The administration must save the money that is wasted and stolen and must spend it liberally in schools and parks and for public works in the public interest.

Rewards for Faithful.

"The administration must carry no political parasites upon the public payrolls, but should make the city a model employer in the treatment of its necessary employes.

"The administration should reward faithful service, pay good wages, give the policemen and firemen the eight-hour day, and three platoon system, that they have long been promised and have still longer deserved.

"It is not enough for the administration to be merely honest; it must be broad and liberal, progressive and popular.

"To succeed in office and to succeed itself, the administration must conduct the government in sympathetic understanding of popular aspirations and ideals, and in effective support of the people's broadest plans and highest purposes.

"The Fusion ticket was elected because the citizens believed in its popular and progressive program and in the independent character of the candidates.

Parties Stocked and Bonded.

"I did not support the Fusion movement merely because it was opposed to Tammany, but because it stood boldly for progressive principles and nominated men who were clearly committed to those principles.

"I am an independent in politics because I think more of my political convictions than I do of any party organization.

"I am a devout believer in the democracy of Jefferson, and for that reason I cannot in conscience belong to the present Democratic party.

"I am an ardent advocate of the republicanism of Lincoln, and for that reason I cannot belong to the present Republican party.

"Political parties are no longer the outgrowths of sentiment and principle. They have come under the practical financial methods of the day and are now stocked and bonded by political leaders and underwritten in Wall street or at No. 26 Broadway.

Democratic Party Dead.

"The Republican party is the party of privilege and high protection, and operates with its beneficiaries on a profit sharing basis.

"It has what is known as a gentlemen's agreement with the Trusts. Under this agreement the party is let in on the ground floor and the Trusts are let in through the back door.

"The Democratic party is equally mercenary, but less successful. It has wasted its sound Democratic capital in wild cat speculation, and it is now in the hands of political receivers.

"It is being reorganized by the gentlemen who are responsible for its wreck, and, needless to say, it is being reorganized in the interest of the directors and not in the interests of the stockholders.

"I would like to tell the Saratoga sages that what the Democratic party needs is not reorganization, but resurrection. It is not only discredited under its present management, but defunct.

"It is buried after every election, and dug up only to be buried deeper at the end of the next campaign.

"The plight of the Democratic party is reminiscent of the homely verse of a Western dialect poet who wrote:

When pop was a little boy like me
Strange pets he wu always gittin'.
He went into the fields one day
And found a pretty kitten—
A sort of striped kitten.
They buried pop's clothes some six feet deep;
They thought that that would keep her;
But they had to dig 'em up again
And bury 'em six feet deeper.

Following False Gods.

"The Democratic party has been associated with strange pets. It has been following false gods. Saddest of all, it has bowed down to the golden calf without any reciprocal attention on the part of the calf.

"As an independent, therefore, hopeless of the regeneration of the old parties, but hopeful of a new order of things, I worked with enthusiasm and voted upon principle for the Fusion ticket.

"Obviously it was not I with my little vote which elected the Fusion ticket, but just as obviously it was the progressive and independent citizens of New York who did elect the Fusion ticket.

"They now rejoice in its election and place high hopes in its performance.

"And they stand ready to support and I believe to elect any movement in the State and even in the nation equally committed to a liberal and enlightened policy of political progress.

Time Ripe for New Party.

"I believe that the time for economic emancipation and political progress is at hand in this country, as it is in the other nations of the world.

"I believe that sooner rather than later a party will be formed which will definitely represent the progressive ideas which a majority of the citizens of the United States are coming to entertain.

"I do not know how that party will be formed.

"I do not know whether it is possible for the Democratic party to be so regenerated as to carry out the ideas for which it was originally founded, or whether a new party will absorb the progressives of both of the old parties, or whether the Republican party will become so nearly universal that the new party will be formed through the separation of the radical Republicans and the reactionary Republicans.

Will Support Independents.

"But I know that when that progressive is formed and its principles clearly defined elections will be contested upon live issues, and vital questions will be decided by the result of elections.

"When that progressive party is formed I shall unreservedly support it and work with it and fight for it in any position to which I shall be assigned.

"Until that progressive party is formed, however, I do not think that we independents can do better than to do as we have done in this election and support the movement which at the time most nearly represents our progressive ideas."

WEBSTER CARRIAGE IS STILL IN USE

ANNAPOLIS, Dec. 15.—Mingling with the modern gun carriages of the middies who go through town on battle drill and rubbing shoulders with huge interurban trolleys of modern design and finish, which connect the ancient capital of Maryland with the outside world, an old-fashioned carriage of ancient design came to Annapolis to-day. Captain Albert Harige, the owner, announced proudly that he would not sell his turnout for any amount of money, and gave as reason a substantiated story that the ancient but still strong old vehicle had once belonged to Daniel Webster.

DARTMOUTH HEAD ATTENDS DINNER

NEW YORK, Dec. 15.—Dr. Ernest F. Nichols, the new president of Dartmouth College, was received with enthusiasm last night when, for the first time as president he attended the dinner of the Alumni Association of this city in the Hotel Astor. The 120-odd alumni present gave him the Dartmouth "Wah-hoo-wah" cheer twice when he rose to speak, and with such vigor that when he had finished they were somewhat hoarse. It was the forty-sixth annual dinner. Dartmouth flags covered the walls of the "College Room," where it was held.

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the standard Cod Liver Oil preparation of the world. Nothing equals it to build up the weak and wasted bodies of young and old. All Druggists

Send 10c., name of paper and this ad. for our beautiful Savings Bank and Child's Sketch-Book. Each bank contains a Good Luck Penny.
SCOTT & BOWNE, 409 Pearl St., N. Y.

"The AMERICAN has the evening 'home' field in Boston exclusively."—Advertisers' Magazine.

SKIN-TORTURED BABIES CURED

Humor Kept Tiny Girl's Face Sore for Months—Grew Worse in Spite of Doctor's Prescription—Screamed when Salves were Applied—Brother Suffered from Tetter.

CUTICURA'S ACTION QUICK AND EFFECTIVE

"I will explain about Kathryn Rishel's cure. She is four years old now. When she was two months, she had tetter or eczema on her face. It commenced on her cheeks and kept spreading till it was almost all over her face. I had a doctor to treat it but it still kept getting worse. I tried many kinds of salve but it only got worse, and when I would grease her poor little face she would scream. I had to put the salve on and then start to walk till she would quiet down. I worried along in this way till she was over one year old. Then I thought I would try Cuticura, as I had used it for myself and it had helped me very much.

"I got Cuticura Soap and Cuticura Ointment. As soon as I began to use them I saw a difference. She did not need to cry when I treated her face. The Cuticura Remedies commenced right away to make it better. I used several boxes of Cuticura Ointment and used Cuticura Soap all the time and her face was healed. She is four years old now and I do not see any signs of the sores. Cuticura certainly did cure her.

"Our little boy had tetter also. He is nearly two. I used Cuticura Soap and Ointment for him and he was soon cured. I used them right away so he didn't get as sore as Kathryn did. Mrs. Blanche Rishel, Clintondale, Pa., Oct. 22, 1908."

For more than thirty years the Cuticura Remedies have been the favorites in tens of thousands of households, for the treatment of eczemas, rashes, itchings, irritations and other torturing, disfiguring humors of the skin and scalp.

Cuticura Soap (25c.), Cuticura Ointment (50c.) and Cuticura Resolvent (50c.), (or in the form of Chocolate Coated Pills, 25c. per vial of 60). Sold throughout the world. Potter Drug & Chem. Corp., Sole Props., 135 Columbus Ave., Boston, Mass.
Cuticura Booklet, mailed free, tells all you need to know about Diseases of the Skin, Scalp and Hair.

Christmas Suggestions FROM SOME OF BOSTON'S LEADING STORES.

For Father

Neckwear, Gloves, Hosiery. RICHARDSON'S, 388 Washington St.

Canary Birds, Gold Fish, Aquariums Chas. Ludlam, 69 Bromfield St., near Tremont.

Good Warm Sweater, $1.98 to $5.98. Wolf's, "My Clothier," Cor. Hanover and Portland Streets.

$3.00 Romeo Slippers for $1.29. Sheinwald Shoe Syndicate. 40-42 Summer St.

Elite Shoes, $3.50 to $4. F. D. Hancock, Prop. Devonshire St., Cor. Spring Lane.

Men's Slippers, $2.50 Value, for $1.50. Weber Sample Shoe Outlet. 564 Washington St.

THE PABLO. Best $20 Overcoat in World for $9.90 F. Gray Co., Wash. and Hanover St.

A Fur-Lined Overcoat. The Continental Clothing House. Boylston and Washington Streets.

An All Wool Black Kersey $15.00 Overcoat for $9.50. S. H. Harrison, 660-672 Washington St.

Morris Chair, Easy Rocker. Jackson Caldwell & Co., Somerville, Malden, East Boston, Lynn.

Special Bathrobe at $5. Neckwear, Gloves, Hosiery, W. Shirts. Leopold Morse Co., Adams Square.

Everything for Everybody. Complete stocks of Holiday Goods, Wearing Apparel, Home Furnishings, Groceries.—Henry Siegel Co.

Dr. King's Restoration Method Restores His Teeth Naturally and Painlessly. 478 Washington St.

Suit, Overcoat or Jewelry on Credit $1 A WEEK People's Credit Co., 433 Washington st.

A $200 SAVING ON PIANOS. Roxbury Storage Salesrooms. 2,111 Washington St., Cor. Williams.

All Wool German Blanket Bath Robe Regular $5 Value for $3.48. Vorenberg's, Wash'n & Hanover Sts.

Seasonable Clothes are sensible Xmas Gifts. Pay in convenient weekly payments. Joyce Bros. Co., 735 Washington St.

Imported Cane, Sterling Silver Mounting, $2.95. Vorenberg's, 15 Winter St.

Soft Kid Slipper (calf lined) at $1.00. Shaving Set, $2.50. At Timothy Smith's.

For Daughter

China and Music Cabinets. Jackson Caldwell & Co. Somerville, Malden, East Boston, Lynn.

Stylish Handbag, 98c to $6.98. Wolf's, "My Clothier," Cor. Hanover and Portland Streets.

Everything for Everybody. Complete stocks of Holiday Goods, Wearing Apparel, Home Furnishings, Groceries.—Henry Siegel Co.

Credit, Latest Things, at Big Stores. PEOPLE'S CREDIT CO., 433 Washington St.

ANY MAKE PIANO SHE WANTS. Roxbury Storage Salesrooms, 2,111 Washington St., Cor. Williams.

Kodak De Luxe, Cost $75, for....$60 BOSTON CAMERA EXCHANGE, 36 Bromfield St., Room 3.

Attractive Silk Waist, $3.98. Toilet Set, $2.50. At Timothy Smith's.

MINIATURE. J. E. Purdy & Co., Photographers, 145 Tremont St., Boston.

Fur Sets, Coats, Sweaters. Special Prices. L. Starr, 35-41 Winter St.

For Husband

A Smoking Jacket or Bath Robe. The Continental Clothing House. Boylston and Washington Streets.

Neckwear in Gift Boxes, 50c and $1 Dress Suit, Dinner Coat or Fancy Vest. Leopold Morse Co., Adams Square.

THE PABLO. Best $20 Overcoat in World for $9.90 F. Gray Co., Wash. and Hanover St.

Morris Chair, Easy Rocker. Jackson Caldwell & Co., Somerville, Malden, East Boston, Lynn.

Good Pair of Slippers, 75c to $2.00. Wolf's, "My Clothier," Cor. Hanover and Portland Streets.

Everything for Everybody. Complete stocks of Holiday Goods, Wearing Apparel, Home Furnishings, Groceries.—Henry Siegel Co.

Diamond, Watch or Ring on Credit. PEOPLE'S CREDIT CO., 433 Washington St.

CHANCE TO SAVE $200 ON PIANO. Roxbury Storage Salesrooms, 2,111 Washington St., Cor. Williams.

Handsome Sleeve Links & Scarfpin. Boxed, Special 50c Value for 39c. Vorenberg's, Wash'n & Hanover Sts.

Silk Muffler, Shirts, Collars. RICHARDSON'S, 388 Washington St.

Set of Military Brushes, $1.00. Smoking Jacket, $3.98. At Timothy Smith's.

For Brother

$4.00 High-Cut Storm Shoes $1.79. Sheinwald Shoe Syndicate. 40-42 Summer St.

Fancy Smoking Jacket, $2.49 to $5.95 Wolf's, "My Clothier," Cor. Hanover and Portland Streets.

THE PABLO. Best $20 Overcoat in World for $9.90 F. Gray Co., Wash. and Hanover St.

A pretty watch given with $5.00 sales in Children's Dept. The Continental Clothing House.

An "Auto" $12 Overcoat, $7.98. S. H. Harrison, 660-672 Washington St.

Chiffonieres, Shaving Stands. Jackson Caldwell & Co., Somerville, Malden, East Boston, Lynn.

Sweaters at $3 or more. Handkerchiefs, Mufflers or Suspenders. Leopold Morse Co., Adams Square.

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SAVE MOTHER $200 ON PIANO. Roxbury Storage Salesrooms, 2,111 Washington St., Cor. Williams.

Jig Saw $3.15, or Lathe $9.00. CHANDLER & FARQUHAR CO., 36 Federal St.

Ties, Suspenders or Cuff Buttons. The Continental Clothing House. Boylston and Washington Streets.

Men's "Slip-On" Coat Sweaters a Necessity to Every Man, $2.35 to $12 A. Shuman & Co., Shuman Corner.

Combination Set, Hose Supporters, Arm Band, Suspenders, all for 50c Vorenberg's, Wash'n & Hanover Sts.

Silver Military Sets...$1.00 to $15.00 Vorenberg's, 15 Winter St.

Walking Stick, Umbrella, Gloves. RICHARDSON'S, 388 Washington St.

Fancy Neckwear. Barney & Berry Ice Skates, 59c. At Timothy Smith's.

For Everybody

Chamberlain Certificates for Hats, Gloves, Cravats, Umbrellas, etc. 637 Washington St.—659 Washington St.

A Silk Umbrella, $2.98 to $6.98. Wolf's, "My Clothier," Cor. Hanover and Portland Streets.

Furniture from Factory to Home. Grand Rapids Furniture Co., 46-48 Eliot St.

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BUY THE COMFORT GAS IRON. Price Pressing Machine Co., 66 Harrison Ave., Near Beach St. Sts.

For Sister

Canary Birds, Gold Fish, Aquariums Chas. Ludlam, 69 Bromfield St., near Tremont.

Dainty Dressing Tables. Jackson Caldwell & Co., Somerville, Malden, East Boston, Lynn.

$3.00 High-Cut Shoes $1.79. Sheinwald Shoe Syndicate. 40-42 Summer St.

Stylish Fur Hat, 98c to $6.98. Wolf's, "My Clothier," Cor. Hanover and Portland Streets.

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Credit at Big Stores for Anything. PEOPLE'S CREDIT CO., 433 Washington St.

HER CHOICE PIANO FOR $200 LESS. Roxbury Storage Salesrooms, 2,111 Washington St., Cor. Williams.

German Silver Mesh Bags $1.75 to $9 Vorenberg's, 15 Winter St.

Soft Mocha Glove, $1.00. Fancy Boxed Silk Hose, $1.50. At Timothy Smith's.

LITTLE WATER COLOR. J. E. Purdy & Co., Photographers. 145 Tremont St., Boston.

Coats, Suits, Dresses, Skirts and Waists—Holiday Prices. L. Starr, 35-41 Winter St.

For Wife

A saving on purchases at The Continental Clothing House, Boylston and Washington Streets.

Watches, Rings, Chains, Pins, Silver Ware, Clocks. Buy them now. Pay later. Joyce Bros. Co., 735 Washington St.

China Cabinet, Music Cabinet. Jackson Caldwell & Co., Somerville, Malden, East Boston, Lynn.

Fine Set of Furs, $2.98 to $30.00. Wolf's, "My Clothier," Cor. Hanover and Portland Streets.

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PIANO BARGAIN OF HER LIFE. Roxbury Storage Salesrooms, 2,111 Washington St., Cor. Williams.

Tea, Kitchen and Chafing Dish Aprons, 25c to $2. Watters Basement (Mrs. N. Holland), 500 Washington St.

Battenberg Centre Piece, $2.00. Fur-Lined Coat, $9.98. At Timothy Smith's.

FRAMED SEPIA PORTRAIT. J. E. Purdy & Co., Photographers, 145 Tremont St., Boston.

For Baby

Beautifully Dressed Dolls, 29c to $5. Watters Basement (Mrs. N. Holland), 500 Washington St.

Go-Cart, Baby Carriages. Jackson Caldwell & Co., Somerville, Malden, East Boston, Lynn.

Pretty Long Coat, $2.98 to $12.00. Wolf's, "My Clothier," Cor. Hanover and Portland Streets.

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Everything at Any Store $1 a Week. PEOPLE'S CREDIT CO., 433 Washington St.

PIANO FOR MAMA TO PLAY ON. Roxbury Storage Salesrooms, 2,111 Washington St., Cor. Williams.

Kimonos, Embroideries Importer. ASSAD MUDARRI & BRO., 65-67 Kneeland St.

Solid Gold Baby Rings. 75c., $1.00, $1.25. Vorenberg's, 15 Winter St.

English Doll Cart, $2.69, 14-inch Dressed Doll, 50c. At Timothy Smith's.

For Son

THE PABLO. Best $20 Overcoat in World for $9.90 F. Gray Co., Wash. and Hanover St. Boylston and Washington Streets.

All-Wool $4 Sweater, Brown or Plain Gray, Fancy Border, $1.98. S. H. Harrison, 660-672 Washington.

Writing Desk, Den Furniture. Jackson Caldwell & Co., Somerville, Malden, East Boston, Lynn.

Nice Set of Cuff Links, 98c to $2.98. Wolf's, "My Clothier," Cor. Hanover and Portland Streets.

A Pair of Storm Boots at $3.50. Sweaters, Cap, Gloves or Stocking. Leopold Morse Co., Adams Square.

A nice watch given with $5.00 sales. The Continental Clothing House. Boylston and Washington Sts.

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Clothing or Jewelry, $1 a Week. PEOPLE'S CREDIT CO., 433 Washington St.

CHANCE TO BUY MOTHER PIANO. Roxbury Storage Salesrooms, 2,111 Washington St., Cor. Williams.

"The Knockabout" Boys' Suit—Copyrighted and manufactured exclusively by us, $6.00. A. Shuman & Co., Shuman Corner.

Handsome Neckwear, 50c Val. for 25c VORENBERG'S, Washington, Hanover and Elm Sts.

$20 Auto Coat Reduced to $10.50. Easy Terms. Joyce Bros. Co., 735 Washington St.

For Mother

Chafing Dish Sets....$3.75 to $15.00 Vorenberg's, 15 Winter St.

Canary Birds, Gold Fish, Aquariums Chas. Ludlam, 69 Bromfield St., near Tremont.

Sewing Tables, Sewing Machines. Jackson Caldwell & Co., Somerville, Malden, East Boston, Lynn.

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$2.50 Fur-Trimmed Juliets 98c. Sheinwald Shoe Syndicate. 40-42 Summer St.

Comfort-giving Bathrobe, $1.49 to $5.98. Wolf's, "My Clothier," Cor. Hanover and Portland Streets.

Dr. King's Restoration Method Restores Her Teeth Naturally and Painlessly. 478 Washington St.

CREDIT CHECK ON BIG STORES. PEOPLE'S CREDIT CO., 433 Washington St.

ANY MAKE PIANO $200 LESS. Roxbury Storage Salesrooms, 2,111 Washington St., Cor. Williams.

Ladies' Blanket Robes, the Newest Patterns and Shades, $3.50 to $8. A. Shuman & Co., Shuman Corner.

Black and Colored $6 Silk Petticoats, Warranted Taffeta, $3.10, WATTERS BASEMENT, (Mrs. N. Holland), 500 Washington St

$12.00 Silver Sets, 26 pieces and beautiful case, $8.98, Easy Terms. Joyce Bros. Co., 735 Washington St.

Blanket Bath Robe, $1.98. Seal Leather Hand Bag, $3.00. At Timothy Smith's.

A Nice Fur Coat, Collar or Muff, $5.98 to $200.00. L. Starr, 35-41 Winter St.

For Everybody

Christmas and New Year Post Cards, Booklets, etc. Post Card Store, 42 High St.

ANYTHING ....25c to $10.00 Vorenberg's, 15 Winter St.

Dinner Sets (112 pieces), $8.98 to $19.50, Chafing Dish, $3.98. At Timothy Smith's.

A $6.50 Leather Club Bag at $5.00. The Continental Clothing House, Boylston and Washington Streets.

Everything in Furniture and Rugs. Jackson Caldwell & Co., Somerville, Malden, East Boston, Lynn.

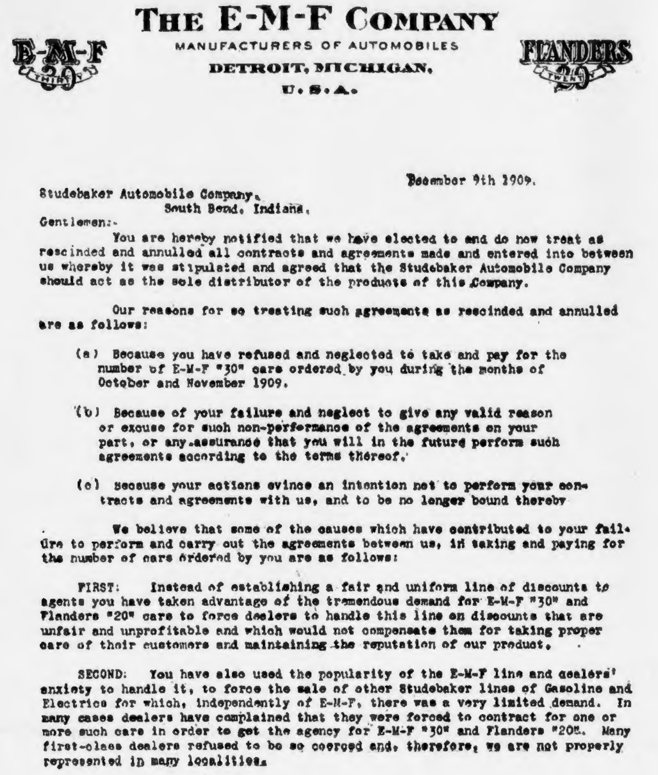
Silk Skirts, Waists, Coats, Suits, Dresses. L. Starr, 35-41 Winter St.

For Son

Evening Dress Suits and Waistcoats RICHARDSON'S, 388 Washington St.

Gem Safety Razor, $1.00. Boys' All Wool Sweater, $3.00. At Timothy Smith's.

Here's a letter that will make interesting reading to the entire Automobile industry---especially dealers and buyers who prefer to deal with the manufacturer direct. We thought best to publish the exact fac-simile and thereby avoid any misunderstanding or mis-statements of the facts.---E-M-F COMPANY.



THE E-M-F COMPANY
MANUFACTURERS OF AUTOMOBILES
DETROIT, MICHIGAN,
U. S. A.

December 9th 1909.

Studebaker Automobile Company,
South Bend, Indiana.

Gentlemen:-

You are hereby notified that we have elected to and do now treat as rescinded and annulled all contracts and agreements made and entered into between us whereby it was stipulated and agreed that the Studebaker Automobile Company should act as the sole distributor of the products of this Company.

Our reasons for so treating such agreements as rescinded and annulled are as follows:

(a) Because you have refused and neglected to take and pay for the number of E-M-F "30" cars ordered by you during the months of October and November 1909.

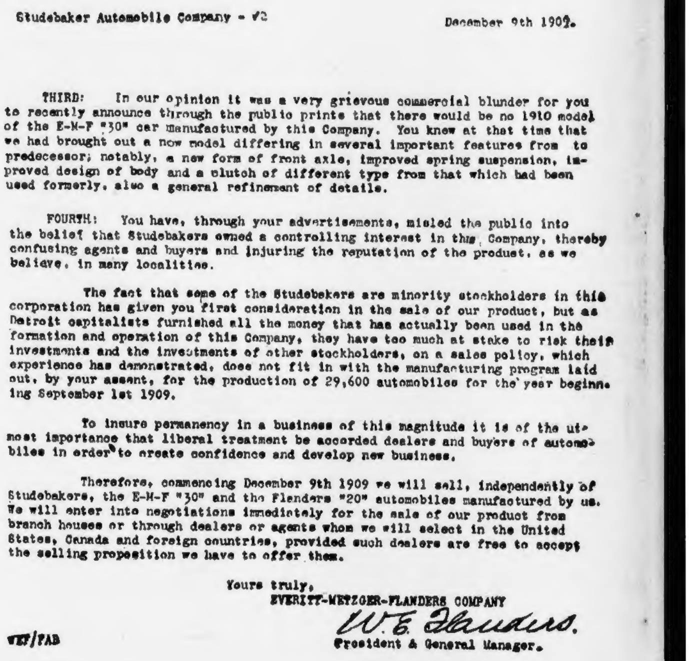
(b) Because of your failure and neglect to give any valid reason or excuse for such non-performance of the agreements on your part, or any assurance that you will in the future perform such agreements according to the terms thereof.

(c) Because your actions evince an intention not to perform your contracts and agreements with us, and to be no longer bound thereby

We believe that some of the causes which have contributed to your failure to perform and carry out the agreements between us, in taking and paying for the number of cars ordered by you are as follows:

FIRST: Instead of establishing a fair and uniform line of discounts to agents you have taken advantage of the tremendous demand for E-M-F "30" and Flanders "20" cars to force dealers to handle this line on discounts that are unfair and unprofitable and which would not compensate them for taking proper care of their customers and maintaining the reputation of our product.

SECOND: You have also used the popularity of the E-M-F line and dealers' anxiety to handle it, to force the sale of other Studebaker lines of Gasoline and Electrics for which, independently of E-M-F, there was a very limited demand. In many cases dealers have complained that they were forced to contract for one or more such cars in order to get the agency for E-M-F "30" and Flanders "20". Many first-class dealers refused to be so coerced and, therefore, we are not properly represented in many localities.



Studebaker Automobile Company - #2 December 9th 1909.

THIRD: In our opinion it was a very grievous commercial blunder for you to recently announce through the public prints that there would be no 1910 model of the E-M-F "30" car manufactured by this Company. You knew at that time that we had brought out a new model differing in several important features from to predecessor; notably, a new form of front axle, improved spring suspension, improved design of body and a clutch of different type from that which had been used formerly, also a general refinement of details.

FOURTH: You have, through your advertisements, misled the public into the belief that Studebakers owned a controlling interest in this Company, thereby confusing agents and buyers and injuring the reputation of the product, as we believe, in many localities.

The fact that some of the Studebakers are minority stockholders in this corporation has given you first consideration in the sale of our product, but as Detroit capitalists furnished all the money that has actually been used in the formation and operation of this Company, they have too much at stake to risk their investments and the investments of other stockholders, on a sales policy, which experience has demonstrated, does not fit in with the manufacturing program laid out, by your assent, for the production of 29,600 automobiles for the year beginning September 1st 1909.

To insure permanency in a business of this magnitude it is of the utmost importance that liberal treatment be accorded dealers and buyers of automobiles in order to create confidence and develop new business.

Therefore, commencing December 9th 1909 we will sell, independently of Studebakers, the E-M-F "30" and the Flanders "20" automobiles manufactured by us. We will enter into negotiations immediately for the sale of our product from branch houses or through dealers or agents whom we will select in the United States, Canada and foreign countries, provided such dealers are free to accept the selling proposition we have to offer them.

Yours truly,
EVERITT-METZGER-FLANDERS COMPANY
W. E. Flanders.
President & General Manager.

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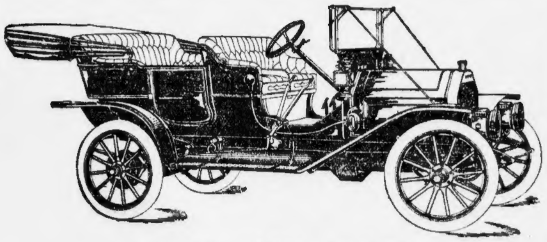
MEMBERS ASSOCIATION LICENSED AUTOMOBILE MANUFACTURERS, LICENSED UNDER SELDEN PATENT.



E-M-F "30" $1,250

This car has achieved the most wonderful success during the past two years of any automobile ever built. Over ten thousand are to-day on the roads in the hands of users.

Our 1910 model is now being shipped. It differs very slightly from the 1909 model, but those differences are important, for the few alterations made were all that hard service in the hands of thousands of users could indicate would be better.

VICTOR:—Has been unchanged. It is a marvel of power, economy and performance. No motor of the same dimensions (4 in. by 4½ in.) produces within 26 per cent. of the power. Up to this time we could see no room for improvement—that is saying much.

TRANSMISSION:—Also is unchanged. That we have retained it unaltered even in the slightest detail in E-M-F-"30" and also incorporated it in Flanders "20" proves that it has given entire satisfaction and is superior to any other we know.

REAR AXLE:—Also unchanged. Eminently satisfactory and lighter, including transmission gears, than malleable axles of other cars without transmission. Others are copying it liberally—and imitation is the sincerest form of flattery, you know.

FRONT AXLE:—Has been changed. Spindles a trifle heavier. Ball bearings larger; and "I-beam" axle itself has been dropped in centre to enhance appearance and conform to convention in that regard.

CLUTCH:—This was the only important detail of E-M-F-"30" that required adjustment. And some owners simply couldn't or wouldn't master the simple knack. Dealers didn't bother—for reasons given above mostly. So it has been changed. A cone clutch—simple and also better in some respects, has been substituted for the expanding ring clutch in former models. Needs no adjustment, and steel springs under the leather facing makes it take hold as smoothly as the ring-clutch did. And it lets go every time—which the other didn't, unless very accurately adjusted.

MAGNETO:—Splitdorf, and we believe the best in the world. Over 10,000 out, and we never hear of them. No news is the best news about a magneto—so we get lots of good news about this one.

CARBURETER:—Has proven a marvel of flexibility and simplicity. Our own make, so well made and all made alike. Never heard an E-M-F-"30" "missing" in your life. She trims everything in her class at speed and hill climbing. That tells the story of the carbureter. And it has only one simple air adjustment. Can't be improved in any way we know.

TIRES:—Equipment has proven ample—thanks to car being made of best alloy steel, consequently light. And though there is a big shortage in rubber—we get rubber tires. Remember always to make 'em put the car on the scales—statements are all right, but see it weighed yourself. And then remember that excessive tire equipment simply obligates you to pay more than you ought for your tires.

BODY:—New "T Door" type—up to the minute in style and finish. Tonneau a few inches wider, so that it seats three two-hundred pounders comfortably.

COLOR:—Body dark blue, running gear yellow. From across the street you couldn't tell whether it was a $5,000 car or a $1,250 one.

PRICE:—$1,250, f. o. b. Detroit—until further notice. And hereafter we'll see that every buyer pays only his pro-rata of freight when cars are shipped three or more in a carload. No more soaking the buyer single car rates.

To Automobile Dealers

Everywhere, we have just one word to say—HURRY. We have on file thousands of applications from dealers who have asked for this line—E-M-F-"30" and Flanders "20"—but who declined the terms formerly offered and insisted on dealing with the factory direct. A veritable stampede will follow the publication of this announcement. So, if you want the line there will be no time to lose. Wire or write, or better still, come on to Detroit forthwith. Come prepared to do business, and bring along such credentials as will enable us to determine your status. We want the best dealer in every city and town. We'll see that you make money—and permanently. Of course, other qualifications being equal, preference will be given those dealers who have handled the E-M-F line before—provided they are free to meet our terms. Whether or not you are one of those, better get in touch with us quickly—this is an opportunity that won't happen again.

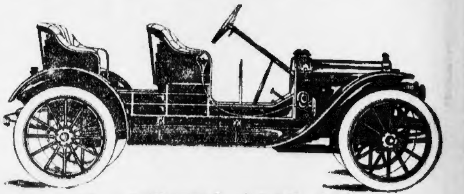
Deliveries of Flanders "20's" will begin in January as per schedule. Those dealers who come to Detroit can have a demonstration in this car as well as in the 1910 model E-M-F-"30," which is now also ready for delivery. Your astonishment will know no bounds when you have seen and ridden in Flanders "20"—else you are different from all others who have seen it.

To Prospective Buyers

In order that there may be no disappointments nor delays in deliveries to intending purchasers, we would advise that you send your orders, together with deposit of $100, to the E-M-F-Company direct. An agent will be appointed in your territory at once. Your order and deposit will be turned over to him. But meantime we will advise you as to the exact date you can expect shipment of your car. Present rate of output is sixty cars per day. While we can't guarantee you immediate delivery, we won't have to hold you up more than thirty days—if the order comes at once. In urgent cases we will make a special effort to ship at once, but the output of the next thirty days will all be needed to supply new dealers with demonstrating cars.

By the action just taken, by which we resume the sale of our own product, we are able to guarantee every buyer of our cars that uniform courtesy, prompt and liberal treatment that is necessary to make friends and create new business.

A SATISFIED OWNER IS THE BEST SALESMAN.



FLANDERS "20" $750

Named after Walter E. Flanders, President and General Manager of the E-M-F-Company, this car combines all the experience and skill of a corps of designers and manufacturers that has no equal in this industry.

While the capacity of factories number 3 and 5—where, from the pig iron and the steel plate this car is built—is 100 cars every working day, the demand already so far exceeds the possible supply that thousands will have to be disappointed. It will simply be a case of first come first served. Early orders will have precedence. A word to the wise is sufficient.

Five of these cars have been on the roads undergoing the most severe tests during the last few weeks. Every punishment that engineering ingenuity can devise has been tried to develop weak spots if any existed. The results are phenomenal. Never did car prove up better in its early tests—never were designers so well pleased at the results of their work.

Those dealers and experts who have seen and ridden in the car have expressed the greatest surprise not only at the size of Flanders "20," but at its performance. This, notwithstanding our own glowing promises made when this model was first announced.

Flanders "20" does not compete in any way with its big brother E-M-F-"30". It is designed for utility even more than for pleasure. It just meets the requirements of business and professional men in all walks—men who need a light economical car for running about—one they can drive themselves. Made in two types—two and four passenger—its uses are almost unlimited.

Here Follow Brief Specifications:

MOTOR:—Four cylinders; cast en bloc—in accordance with best European and American practice in motors of this bore and stroke—3⅝ in. by 3⅝ in. Extra heavy crank-shaft and very large, long bearings.

TRANSMISSION:—Semi-selective sliding gear type. Speeds from "nothing" up to forty-five miles per hour. Incorporated in rear axle, similar to E-M-F-"30," which has proven so satisfactory.

REAR AXLE:—Drawn steel housing in two sections—made in our own pressed steel plant in Detroit. Lightest and strongest axle ever made for a car of this size.

FRONT AXLE:—Drop forged steel, in one piece. Also made in our own forge plant. "I-beam" section—strong, light and handsome in appearance. Slightly dropped in front to conform to convention in that regard and give the car a low, rakish appearance as well as greater stability.

SPRINGS:—Semi-elliptic in front and full elliptic in rear.

WHEELS:—32 inch; shod with 3 in. "Good" tires.

BODY:—Runabout with large deck at rear for carrying trunk or packages. Extra rear seats convert it into a natty Suburban seating four and looking like a $4,000 car.

EQUIPMENT:—In accordance with E-M-F practice from the first when we said "no automobile is complete without a first-class, dependable magneto," the standard equipment includes a Splitdorf magneto similar—slightly smaller to fit the motor—to that used on E-M-F-"30," of which 10,000 are now in use and giving the most excellent satisfaction. Side oil lamps, tail lamp, two acetylene headlights, acetylene generator and tube horn complete the equipment.

PRICE:—Runabout seating 2, $750, f. o. b. Detroit. With extra seats (seating 4), $790.

E-M-F COMPANY

Factories and Sales Offices, Detroit, Mich.

Manufacturers of E-M-F "30" and FLANDERS "20" Automobiles

LET'S SEND YOU "A TALK WITH FLANDERS," a little booklet in which we explain how E-M-F "30" and Flanders "20" cars are manufactured, from the pig-iron and the steel plate to the finished car, and prove how, by our facilities, we are able to manufacture a better car for less than any other concern in the world.

BIG FIGHT OPENS IN NATIONAL LEAGUE MEETING TO-DAY

BOSTON AMERICAN SPORTS

AMERICAN LEAGUE CLUB OWNERS SORE AT BAN JOHNSON

INVESTIGATION IS NECESSARY IN THE ARMORY A. A. BOUTS

The BOSTON AMERICAN hereby notifies the management of the Armory Athletic Club that decisions such as that handed down last night by Referee Fleming in the Bronson-Deshler fight will no longer be tolerated in Boston. If Referee Fleming's judgment was not biased he is no fit man for the position. If it was biased he should be discharged by the club. The draw decision was so absurd as to make an investigation into the affair imperative, and the AMERICAN insists that the management of the club make that investigation immediately. It is time that fake boxing matches and fake decisions were ended.

Bronson Robbed of Award Over Deshler

By I. S. CLARK.

WANTED—A referee at the Armory A. A. who can give a decision the right way and knows when to pick a winner; a good job is waiting one who can fill the bill satisfactorily.

That's about the situation as the result of the Bronson-Deshler match, which was fought in the Armory Club's arena last night and declared a draw, the same decision being handed out just two weeks ago, when the same pair met in the ring.

There wasn't any doubt that the decision should have gone to Bronson on this occasion, and he was picked by nine out of every ten fans who watched the contest closely from start to finish. The last time the couple swapped punches Deshler had a big enough lead to have been adjudged a winner and was denied a just award, while Bronson was the sufferer on the second meeting.

Bronson the Stronger.

The fighter who finishes the stronger always catches the eye of the crowd, and that was where Deshler got the worst of it in sizing up the match, as the local lad made his best showing in the first few rounds by setting a fast pace for the Hoozier lad, but those who had seen Bronson in action in the first encounter knew what to expect, and were not disappointed, as he kept coming stronger in each successive round, going to the final bell and was landing the most effective wallops the farther the bout went.

Deshler clearly tired as he did in the first meeting and thereby lost a chance to pull out ahead after going the full distance. Strength was Bronson's biggest asset. He was perfectly willing to take bunches of Deshler's flashy lefts on his face in order to land a damaging right punch on the body, and when he hit there was a sharp sting to the blow that could easily be seen by the eye if not felt by the observer. It was these body smashes that killed much of Deshler's steam and slowed him up so that he could not hold the same pace with Bronson that he opened up with.

When the pair stepped into the ring Bronson was groomed like a race horse and had Willie Fitzgerald, the veteran lightweight, as his chief handler, which was all in his favor. Deshler looked a bit fine from some strenuous training with the skin closely drawn over his features. He had Honey Mellody and Aleck McLean directing the warfare from his corner. It was announced that both boys weighed in under 135 pounds in the afternoon and they qualified according to the conditions.

One little feature of Bronson's seconds was their neat appearance, wearing armless white shirts with "Bronson" in glaring letters across the breast and the uniforms gave an air of business to the Hoosier lad's camp.

Before the bell rang for action to begin a string of ring stars were trotted out to be introduced, but the biggest toad in the puddle was Tex Rickard, whose fame reaches around the world for promoting the Jeffries-Johnson match. Repeated calls for a speech failed to elicit any response from the Ely promoter, who made way for such well-known mit artists as Sam Langford, Harlem Tommy Murphy, Tommy Quill, Young Donahue, Honey Mellody and Willie Fitzgerald, who issued defiance to all in their classes.

Visitor Was Favorite.

Bronson's gameness, which he exhibited on his previous appearance and slugging ability, rather caught the fancy of the fans, who sized him up as a probable winner before the mill got under way and he was a slight favorite. Never flurried by the fast stepping, Deshler, who has few superiors at ring cleverness, showed some speed himself and was swapping lefts, landing harder than Bronson, who generally surpasses when it comes to a test of left hand work.

The dangerous way Bronson swung his right forced Deshler to pay some attention to blocking that hand that made him to fall off in his usual confident way of going to an opponent, which made the visiting lad look all the better and caused his stock to jump up quickly.

A trick that Bronson continually worked on Deshler was playing for his corner each time the gong rang and dropping into his chair, while Deshler had to walk across the ring and he gained a few seconds in his resting periods. His neatness in gauging the time showed how little the effects of the conflict worried him.

Four Good Prelims.

The opening bills, with four prelims, brought on the canvas several boxers of different degrees of experience. Joe Trainor beat Abe Gordon in six rounds. Then Mike Malin, a sawed-off specimen of a fighter, went against Young Maguire, a husky lad and they repeated the decision in a former bout by going to a draw in six rounds.

Then two burly negros, Joe Brown and Kid Bell got in the ring and proceeded to do some carving. They posed and swung while the crowd went into spasms of mirth when both missed sledge hammer heaves. Brown, a protege of Sam Langford, finally dropped his right on Bell's jaw and it was all over in the third round.

Billy Nixon, the popular local boxer, faced a good one in Tommy Stagg of New York. He swung the decision his way by keeping on top of the Gothamite and by peppering him with straight lefts.

BOUT BY ROUNDS.

ROUND ONE—Bronson scored first with a straight left to the face. Then Deshler forced to a corner and smashed his left on the nose. Deshler got his left working fast, ramming it on the head and wind. Bronson rushed, making Dave back to the ropes to escape a right he was ready to let loose. Twice Deshler shot over straight lefts, and then hooked with the same hand to the body as Bronson swung right. Dave poked a left on the face, Bronson trying to connect with a right for the head. Deshler made a fast sprint, going to the bell, wading in with right and left flying.

ROUND TWO—Both sparred for an opening. Bronson rushed and ran into a straight left to the head. Deshler kept Bronson backing by shooting hot lefts into his face. He took a chance and dug in with right to the body, and then slipped on the body with a left. Dave planted another right hook on the body, while Bronson swung right around his neck. Deshler jumped around, pecking Bronson on the face with his left and holding him off. Deshler's left ear was bleeding from one of Bronson's right crosses. Deshler shifted and banged left to the head.

ROUND THREE—They clashed in the centre of the ring with straight lefts to the head. Deshler jabbed with left clean, and Bronson retaliated with the same punch. Bronson let go a right that just missed the mark. They mixed at close range, Deshler rapping with both hands inside on the body. They got together again, and Deshler was the quicker at landing, but both came out of the melee unscarred. Deshler got his right across and had the better of a hot tiff, when both cut loose. Twice Deshler went in and got right smashes to the body that took some of his sap.

ROUND FOUR—They exchanged lefts to the head. Then Bronson rushed, but Deshler reached him first by shooting both hands inside. As Bronson rushed again Deshler swung right for jaw. Deshler got inside with right and left to the body. Bronson found he could match Deshler with his left and sent the Cambridge boy's head backward with stabs. Bronson bristled with action and made Deshler back to the ropes, and at the bell they were mixing while clinched, Bronson liking the rough work.

ROUND FIVE—Deshler stepped in with left to head and body. He swung right for the body and scored with double left. Bronson jabbed with left and Deshler was back with right and left for the head. Dave snapped over right to the jaw and followed it up with a left to the head, causing Bronson to cover up. Twice Deshler bumped his left on Bronson's face. Bronson slipped in a right to the jaw as Dave rushed but he appeared to let Deshler do all the forcing.

ROUND SIX—Deshler jabbed with his left. Then Bronson chased him across the ring, trying to reach him with a right. Bronson rushed again, but Deshler was ready and shot right and left on the body as he got close. Deshler got over a heavy right to the head that caused Bronson to check himself and Deshler set the pace jabbing and piling a right on the body. Bronson got into his stride and pumped in two solid rights to the body. He jabbed clean and drove right to the jaw, the crowd yelling as Deshler wavered an instant from the impact. Bronson went in viciously and swung another right for the jaw.

ROUND SEVEN—Deshler started jabbing with left, causing Bronson to miss on his right swings. Bronson worked up close and swung right for jaw, while Deshler hammered with both hands inside on the body. Bronson backed into a corner, where Deshler whipped his right to the body. Bronson slipped a hard right to Deshler's framework that hurt. Deshler kept off till the bell, being satisfied to poke his left into Bronson's face. Bronson took his time and at the bell was in his corner.

ROUND EIGHT—As Deshler jabbed Bronson shot over a left counter. Then Dave put over several straight lefts till Bronson jumped in with heavy right on the body. Dave got over the same punch with less steam behind it. After a warm exchange Bronson once more slammed a right to the body. Both slowed down, Deshler keeping busy with his left hand.

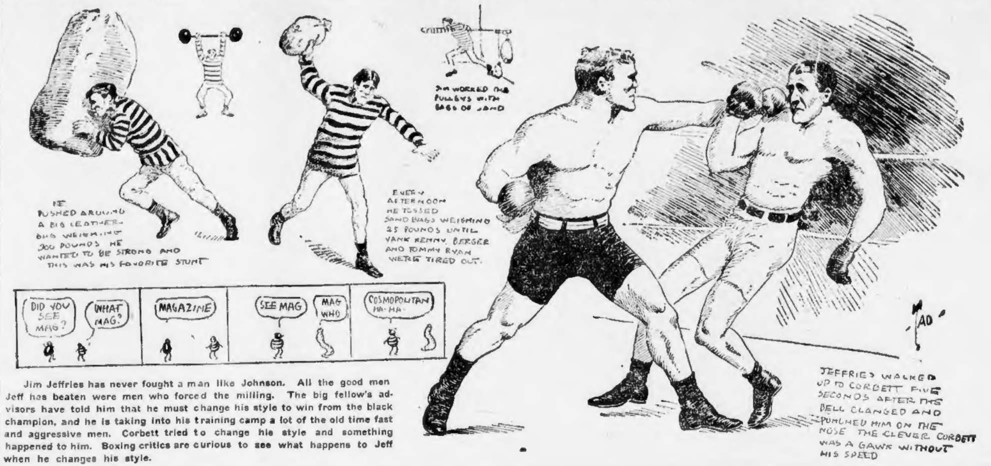
ROUND NINE—Bronson got home a straight left which Deshler evened up and went in, throwing a right to the body. Deshler rushed, getting inside, while Bronson swung right on Dave's back. Deshler led left and crossed his right, Bronson ploughing a short right to the body. When Dave jabbed Bronson unwound a right uppercut to the head. Bronson got over a dangerous right to the head but Deshler did not slow up any and whaled right on body. At the bell both drove rights to the body.

ROUND TEN—Bronson scored with a straight left. Then Deshler did the same trick. Deshler refused to let Bronson set by going in, but Bronson measured one right to the body that made a dent on Deshler's body. Deshler was active, but Bronson was equally aggressive and crossed his right to the jaw. Deshler had Bronson going back and on the ropes handed him a right and left to the body as Bronson went off his balance.

ROUND ELEVEN—Both rushed with hot lefts to the head. As Deshler rushed again he was met with a right uppercut. Deshler ablind and hooked with left to the wind, but here was no force back of the welts. Bronson was moving fast and met Deshler with hard jolts when he rushed. In the clinches Bronson put over short right and kept Deshler's head bobbing ducking the blows. Just before the bell came Bronson fastened a right on Deshler's head and uppercut with the same hand when Dave got close enough.

ROUND TWELVE—They swapped lefts and Deshler went in with his left while Bronson played for the body. As Dave rushed Bronson hooked for the body. They hung together and fought until split apart. Bronson was strong and crossed his right to the jaw and Dave acted weary. He shifted and hooked left to the body. He kept leading but Bronson met him with stiff straight punches with either hand that rocked him.

Corbett Was a Gawk When He Sacrificed Speed for Strength--Tad


HE PUSHED AROUND A BIG LEATHER BAG WEIGHING 300 POUNDS HE WANTED TO BE STRONG AND THIS WAS HIS FAVORITE STUNT
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JIM WORKED THE PULLEYS WITH BAGS OF SAND
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JEFFRIES WALKED UP TO CORBETT FIVE SECONDS AFTER THE BELL CLANGED AND PUNCHED HIM ON THE NOSE THE CLEVER CORBETT WAS A GAWK WITHOUT HIS SPEED
TAD

Jim Jeffries has never fought a man like Johnson. All the good men Jeff has beaten were men who forced the milling. The big fellow's advisors have told him that he must change his style to win from the black champion, and he is taking into his training camp a lot of the old time fast and aggressive men. Corbett tried to change his style and something happened to him. Boxing critics are curious to see what happens to Jeff when he changes his style.

OWNERS CENSURE BAN JOHNSON

American League President Was Hasty

By A. H. C. MITCHELL.

NEW YORK, Dec. 15.—After hemming and hawing, see-sawing, backing and filling for twenty-four hours, the National League is still unable to elect a president.

The situation to-day is exactly as it was yesterday. The magnates met for their annual meeting at the Waldorf-Astoria, but neither faction had the nerve to ask for an election.

On paper Ward has four votes, and Heydler three, with one doubtful ballot. Stanley Robison, president of the St. Louis club is the doubtful man.

It is understood that he has assured both sides that he is with them, but the warring magnates are afraid to trust themselves to a vote, so the whole thing hangs fire. Of course, there must be an end to the business; but whether the clash will come to-day or to-morrow no one knows.

In the meantime the American League club owners are chafing at the delay in electing a president of the National League. The uncertainty worries these usually peaceful magnates, and the tension was so great that seven of the eight American League club owners held a meeting at the Hotel Wolcott, lasting long after midnight, at which the entire situation was discussed.

At this meeting it was the opinion that President Johnson had put his organization in bad by so strongly opposing John M. Ward for president of the National League.

Ban Johnson Blamed.

The American League Club owners regret that they have been drawn into the controversy and they blame their president. All of them realize that Mr. Johnson has been a tower of strength in the past, but they feel that conditions have changed and they believe that their president should consult them before putting the organization on record as he has in his stand against Ward.

The feeling among the American League clubs is that Ward would be an excellent president for the National League and the only thing they regret in the Ward candidacy is the fact that he is being backed by such National League men as Brush, Murphy and Ebbets.

Few of the American League men know Ward. The Brotherhood was was before their time. But they are convinced that Ward did not play unfair in the Davis contracts and they believe Johnson is "in wrong" in the whole business. But they do not want to override Johnson, who has done so much for them in the past, and that explains the fretfulness that pervades the American League ranks.

Signal Tipping Discussed.

For twenty-four hours the club owners of both leagues hung around the corridors of the Waldorf-Astoria and Wolcott Hotels. There were meetings of the directors of both the National and American Leagues. These are usually merely perfunctory affairs, but in the case of the American League directors' meeting here, Johnson received a setback in his efforts to get rid of Manager Stallings of the New York Club in the charges against the Highlanders of having rigged up a signal system by which, on the New York grounds, the opposing teams' signals were tipped off to the home players.

These charges were not known, but it was voted that if any player or manager was detected in working any such spy business in future he should be barred from baseball.

Managers from nearly every club in the country are in attendance. They all have players that they desire to swap, but up to this writing the market has been woefully dull. Not a trade has been made.

Treasurer McBreen of the Red Sox suggested to President Dovey of the Nationals that the clubs trade flag poles just to start the ball a-rolling.

Big Meeting at Noon.

At noon to-day the annual meeting of the American League begins at the Hotel Wolcott and at the same time the National League magnates will get together at the Waldorf-Astoria. If the latter organization does not elect a president at to-day's meeting, nearly everybody will drop dead of heart disease.

The tension is great. Once the question of president of the National League is settled the whole baseball situation will be loosened up one way or the other and everybody is hoping and praying for action.

Gathered in the corridors:

Fred Clarke signed for two more years and when he serves this term will have played baseball for Barney Dreyfuss sixteen years. They ought to know each other pretty well by this time. Clarke was a conspicuous figure in the Waldorf with his western sombrero. Dreyfuss says Clarke is the highest priced manager in captivity.

FOOTBALL RIGHT NOW SAYS DR. ANGELL

WASHINGTON, Dec. 15.—Football as played at present is all right in the opinion of Dr. James B. Angell, for thirty-eight years the head of the University of Michigan. Dr. Angell, who is here on personal business, does not believe that there is any necessity for revision.

ST. ALPHONSUS BOUTS.

At St. Alphonsus A. A. to-night many of the local athletes will take part in the athletic and vaudeville entertainment that will be staged in the gymnasium. Among those who have signified their intention of competing are the Sullivan twins and brother Dan, Freddie O'Brien, Young Donohue, Sam Langford, Dave Deshler, Sammy Jacobs, Joe West, Young Keegan, Mickey Connolly, Al Delmont, Johnny Lynch, George Alger, Eddie Golden, Porky Flynn, Young Cahill, Kyle Whitney, Ralph Calloway and many others.

POLICE STOP BOUT.

PITTSBURG, Dec. 15.—The Pittsburg police canceled the permit that had been issued Phil McGovern to fight Young Ziringer here last night, and the bout was called off. McGovern had been ordered to appear in Pittsburg twenty-four hours before the fight to permit an inspection of him by the authorities. He failed to arrive in time for the examination.

BRUNETTES! READ THIS!—Mme. Cavallieri will devote a page in the Sunday American to telling you how to be more beautiful.

GOLF GOSSIP CLUB NOTES

R. S. Evans of Brae-Burn and T. A. Ashley of Allston played quite a little golf with Clifton Crawford of "Three Twins" fame and Douglas Fairbanks of the "Gentleman from Mississippi" company while they were here. But last week the cold weather kept these players from the links, and so they turned matters about, and both Evans and Ashley took minor parts in the "Gentleman from Mississippi" show, despite the fact that they were not accomplished actors, and they got quite a hand from the few in the audience who recognized them.

W. Fellows Morgan, Jr., the Harvard golf team captain, was not out for the first practice of the Crimson hockey players. It is epected that Morgan will play one of the forwards, as he was one of the varsity hockey team last year.

Arthur L. Johnson, the well known sporting goods dealer of this city, has recently gotten out a very attractive Christmas card and sent them around to all his friends. Inside the card is a list of his special announcements, that are bound to interest the close followers of the sports.

We haven't heard anything as yet about a hockey team representing the Winchester Golf Club, but it will not be at all surprising if this club gets into line this season. Last year a sort of dam was built at Winchester to form a water hazard in Summer and make a sort of rink in the Winter.

Quite a number of enthusiasts were out at Brae-Burn last week. This course and Wollaston seem to get the bulk of the playing just now, although a few were to be seen at Woodland and Commonwealth.

BASKETBALL TEAM NOTES

The Berkshire A. A. would like to arrange games with 110-115-pound teams away from home. F. Cabana, No. 82 Berkshire street, Cambridge.

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The Ascension second team would like to range games with 125-135-pound teams for Wednesday evenings at home. Games for other evenings away from home. L. M. Newcomb, Vincent, No. 22 Newcomb street, Boston.

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The St. Francis A. A. of Charlestown are cleaning up all teams this season, and large crowds are attending their games at Monument Hall, Charlestown, every Tuesday evening. This team is always looking for games with strong teams. Maurice Hurley, 114 Baldwin street, Charlestown.

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The Malden Indians would like to arrange games with fast second teams. L. G Cook, No. 61 Waverly street, Malden.

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The Sacred Heart Five of Cambridge would like to arrange games with fast 120-pound teams. John D. Crowley, Box 5,323, Boston.

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The Gatton A. C. of Charlestown would like to arrange games with fast 120-pound teams. Would like to meet the Winthrop Yacht Club and the Madison A. C. second teams as soon as possible. William Reilly, No. 3 Walnut street, Charlestown.

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The Somerville Athletics desire games with 140-150-pound teams away from home. Charles W. Nangle, No. 18 Prospect Hill avenue.

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The Roxbury Athletics have reorganized for the season and would like to arrange games with fast semi-professional teams in New England. Manager, Roxbury Athletics, No. 29 Cabot street, Roxbury.

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The Ascension Club second team would like to arrange games with 130-135-pound teams for games Wednesday evenings. L. B. Vincent, No. 590 Tremont street, Boston.

Boxing Bouts

NEW YORK, Dec. 15.—Danny Goodman of Boston, outfought Howard Smith of Elizabeth, N. J., in the last three rounds of their ten-round bout at Brown's Gymnasium. The first seven rounds were rather tame, but the boys got together in the last three, and in the ensuing milling Goodman gave Smith a bad beating.

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PHILADELPHIA, Dec. 15.—Adam Ryan proved to classy for Frank Corbett in the windup at the Douglass A. C. Ryan fought with his former speed, and was the aggressor in every round. Corbett, although outclassed, proved game and took a severe licking.

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SCHENECTADY, N. Y., Dec. 15.—Bill Hurley and Cy Smith went ten of the fastest rounds ever seen in this city. It would be difficult to pick a winner in the whirlwind bout.

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The ten-round bout between Frank Picato and Ad Wolgast, scheduled for last night at Los Angeles, was postponed until December 31. Picato's manager asked for the postponement, asserting that Picato was suffering from an attack of grip.

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Eddie Burns of Boston meets Tommy Bergin in a six-round bout at Lewiston to-night. He and Burns should furnish something thrilling for the Maine sports. John O'Brien, the well-known ball player and umpire, will be the third man in the ring.

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The Apollo A. C. of Salem will hold its weekly meeting to-night and the programme offered is as follows: George Murray of Lynn vs. Ralph Tickle of Pawtucket, twelve rounds; Harry Engle of U. S. S. New Jersey vs. Young Nagle of Milton, eight rounds; Young Demara of Lynn vs. Mike Haley of Newburyport, six rounds.

A SUNDAY AMERICAN want advt. is often the road to fortune.

SAM ANDERSON FACES JOE RUSEK TO-NIGHT

At the Columbia Theatre this evening Sam Anderson of Norwood, one of the topnotchers in the wrestling game in the middleweight division, faces a pretty tough grappler in the person of Joe Rusek, the "Bavarian Bull," and one of the snappiest and liveliest sessions of the year is anticipated. Rusek is one tough customer when he gets his wrestling regalia on and lets no opportunity go by in order to get the upperhand of an opponent. He is as wily as a fox, but, for that matter, so is Anderson, and those who enjoy good wrestling should not miss seeing this great bout.

The contest is to a finish in the popular catch-as-catch-can style.

HARVARD HOCKEY SCHEDULE APPROVED

The Harvard Athletic committe has approved the hockey schedule for the current year. The schedule, which follows, shows several changes from last year:

January 5—M. I. T. at Stadium.
January 8—Cornell at New York.
January 12—Columbia at Stadium.
January 15—Princeton at Princeton.
January 22—McGill at Stadium.
January 26—Amherst at Stadium.
January 29—St. Nicholas at Stadium.
February 5—St. Francis Xavier at Stadium.
February 12—Dartmouth at Boston Arena.
February 19—Yale at Boston Arena.

YALE HOCKEY SCHEDULE.

NEW HAVEN, Ct., Dec. 15.—Permission for the Yale hockey team to take the longest trip of its history has been given by the faculty. It will go to Cleveland and Pittsburg during the Christmas recess, meeting Cornell and Princeton in six games. The schedule:

December 28—University of Pittsburg or Carnegie Tech at Pittsburg.
December 29—Princeton at Pittsburg.
December 30—Princeton at Pittsburg.
December 31—Princeton at Pittsburg.
January 1—Cornell at Cleveland.
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BOSTON AMERICAN SPORTS

GERMANS NOW TO BE SHOWN SPORT OF BOXING GAME

FIGHT PROMOTER TO TRY BOXING ON THE GERMANS

By ALLAN SANGREE.

NEW YORK, Dec. 15.—Americans have tried about everything else on the Germans. Now one bright young American chap is going to foist the boxing game on Berliners. He says he will make them like it. It is needless to say the young man has unlimited nerve.

He is Richard C. Klegin of Sioux City, Ia., the youthful promoter who grabbed Paris by the neck and forced boxing down its throat in a most amazing manner. To-day Paris is wild over the boxing game, despite the surfeit it has had. To-day they pay grand opera prices for seats at the big mills and are so discriminating that anything short of a regular slaughter palls upon the Parisian taste. Paris is rampant. Klegin says he will see to it that the phlegmatic German outdoes his brother from over the border.

To Take Two Fighters.

Klegin is in the East at the present time. He is on his way from the Far Northwest, where he closed up a quarter of a million dollars in contracts for aerial races to the other side of the Atlantic Ocean. He is taking two American fighters with him, "Denver Ed" Martin, the black heavyweight, and Tony Caponi, the Chicago Italian middleweight. He says both of them will make good in France and England.

When Dick sprung his scheme on me I had to laugh at the idea.

"The Germans will never take to it," I opined. "It's not in the blood. They are too ponderous in their athletic tendencies. Give them a couple of heavy weight lifters and you will win them."

"They all said I was crazy to expect Paris to like boxing and tried to dissuade me from risking my money on such a wild scheme," this young hustler answered. "Yet America never was wilder over boxing than France is to-day. One wouldn't think so, but it was in the French blood all right. It's in any blood that is red and warm.

"I'll go into Berlin like I went into Paris—the Ringlings never had anything on me when it comes to circus billing. I'll carry them off their feet. Get away with it? One never can tell till the trial has been made. We'll try it once, anyway," and the nervy young fellow smiled out in a sad sort of way from under a Western sombrero. Nothing that he says is put before you in a boastful manner. There is merely a quiet forcefulness to it that carries conviction.

Klegin was born in Sioux City, Ia., and is half German and half French, hence his inclination to the two countries named is but natural. When one considers that Dick is but twenty-two years old, one gets a fair idea of the colossal nerve of the young man.

Makes First a Winner.

Three years ago, when he was but nineteen years old, Dick landed in Paris with $2,500 and hired the Hippodrome, a building that cost its promoter 2,000,000 francs and caused his suicide later when it was found to be a white elephant. Klegin spent every penny he had in advertising his initial night, stood off everybody else he could and awaited developments. His circus style of doing business hit the boulevardiers right betwixt the eyes, and his receipts for that opening show were $22,000. From that time his success was assured.

The Hippodrome where he showed was the building that Frank Bostock, the animal trainer, had for a long time. It covers a square block, seats 12,000 persons, and at present is in the hands of the French government.

"It was the lurid bills that killed Paris," Klegin told me. "Then the methods I adopted in conducting the fights knocked them a twister. When a man was knocked out he was carried away on a stretcher amid the frantic shouts of the mob. The daring novelty of it all appealed to them."

"E. M. F." OPENS AUTO AGENCY IN BOSTON

By J. C. KERRISON.

Walter E. Flanders, president and general manager of the Everitt-Metzger-Flanders Company of Detroit, makers of the E-M-F "30" and the Flanders "20," was in the city Monday and confirmed the report that his company had terminated the agreement with the Studebaker Automobile Company, by which the latter firm had acted as distributor for the cars manufactured by the Detroit company. Mr. Flanders said he had written a letter to the Studebaker firm from Detroit on Dec. 9, in which he notified the South Bend company that all contracts and agreements between the two companies were annulled.

Mr. Flanders said that hereafter the Everitt-Metzger-Flanders Company would market its own cars direct through agents and dealers and that the company would establish branch houses in the larger cities that will act as distributors for the surrounding territories. Mr. Flanders said that a man well known in the business would be secured to manage the branch in this city, and an announcement concerning the branch in this city and its manager would be made in a week or so. Mr. Flanders went back to Detroit yesterday afternoon.

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President John Coughlin of the Worcester Automobile Club was in Boston yesterday securing entries for the second annual endurance contest of his association, which is to be held on Friday next. There will be something like eighteen starters in this midwinter run, the results of which will be awaited with interest by the motor world in general.

This particular run will be the last big competitive road event of this year. The cars entered will go into the hands of the technical committee to-morrow evening, and on Friday morning will engage in the road tests. The first of these cars will be sent away at 8 o'clock, the others following at one-minute intervals.

At the close of the run, which is to cover approximately 200 miles, the cars will go into the hands of the technical committee and be subjected to a severe test and examination.

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A full line of new models of Alco cars is offered for 1910 by the American Locomotive Company. The double chain drive, also the make-and-break system of ignition, has been discontinued, and all pleasure cars will be made with a shaft drive and a jump spark ignition, the Bosch dual system of high tension magneto and storage batteries, with one set of spark plugs, being employed. These are the chief changes; they are in conformance with the policy of the company to Americanize the French design of the Alco in order to meet the prevailing demand.

The company emphasizes the fact, however, that never is any change made until after it is certain that the quality and all the distinctive character can be maintained. It is noteworthy in this connection that the shaft drive and floating rear axle construction adopted for all the 1910 cars is no experiment, but an original Alco design that was first introduced on the Alco town car in March, 1907. Since then it has become widely known and been much copied.

BOXING NEWS BRIEFLY TOLD

Joe Jeannette and Sam McVey went thirty rounds to a draw Saturday night in Paris, and although Joe had an edge at the end reports say the bout looked like a preliminary gallop for their meeting in January. They agreed to another match before Saturday's go.

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Joe Thomas will be put through a real test next Saturday night at the National Club of Philadelphia, where he meets Frank Klaus in a six-round battle. If Joe can get by this fellow he will be on top again.

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Heine Rafael writes that the bookmaking game on the Coast is not so good, but he is breaking even at that. Rafael had a bet on Wolgast against Powell after he found out that Lew was stale and could not get above 128 pounds.

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Eddie Murphy and Jeff Dougherty have been matched to meet on Christmas Day in a twelve-round bout at Lawrence.

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Young Jack Johnson and Tom Sawyer have been matched to box at Portland, Me., next Saturday night.

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Pal Moore, who boxed so well at the National A. C., South Boston, last Monday night, has been matched to box Harry Thomas, the English bantam, in New York next Monday night.

GISSING QUITS N. Y. A. C.

NEW YORK, Dec. 15.—Harry Gissing, the star runner of the New York A. C., has announced that he would never run [illegible] for that organization. He [illegible] a letter last week asking [illegible] from the club, and that he [illegible] attached.

AFTER ST. YVES.

[illegible], Dec. 15.—Edward Adams, [illegible] be one of the best long dis[illegible]-you-please runners in the [illegible] has issued a challenge to [illegible] for a race from thirty to [illegible]

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HORSE NOTES WINTER CHAT

Jack Wall, for many years located at the Readville track, recently won the $5,000 pace at Phoenix, Ariz., with Queen Pomona, 2:05¼. The boys will be glad to learn of his luck.

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Gun Metal, 2:25¼, the two-year-old son of Bingen, 2:06¼, that won his race at Brockton, Arthur H. Parker thinks is the best colt trotter that he ever owned.

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Sanford Small, through Walter Cox, has sold the stallion Marechal, 2:18¾, to the foreigners, and he should make a successful campaign on the other side, besides being good for stud purposes. He has been timed in 2:08 in races here.

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Millard Sanders, who has trained the horses of the Maywood farm, Indianapolis, Ind., exclusively for the last two or three years, will train a public stable at Indianapolis next season. He will continue to train and drive the Maywood farm horses, which will, of course, be mostly the get of Sidney Dillon, but he will also take into his stable any outside horses other owners may wish to place in his charge.

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E. A. Field of Waterville, Me., has sold to John H. Jones, Hartford, Ct., the two-year-old gelding by Stirling, out of a mare by Onward. He is very promising.

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Nelsonita, 2:23¼, that was prominent on the turf and speedways in Maine, recently died the property of J. M. Nicholls of Augusta, Me.

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Fred Isabel, who has driven over the New England tracks for many years, has joined the boniface ranks, having become proprietor of the Hotel Transit at Green Bay, Wis. Isabel expects to open a public stable at De Pere, Wis., in the Spring.

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On Monday evening, December 27, comes the annual election of officers by the Dorchester Driving Club for the ensuing year, on which night, too, will be awarded the season's prizes won on the Franklin Field Speedway.

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A. W. Davis of the Metropolitan Driving Club suggests that some mutual agreement be reached by the matinee clubs of Greater Boston, so that the racing season during the coming Spring may be entered upon by all the driving clubs, Metropolitan, Dorchester, Fellsway, Quannapowitt, Lynn and Old Colony at about the same time, so as to allow for a series of inter-city race meets after the close of the early series of club races, in which each club shall draw a pro rata amount of the receipts.

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Green Pilot, 2:03¾, will be raced in the free-for-all pacing classes on the half-mile tracks next season by Joe Weiseneld of Baltimore.

BARRY HEADS WALTHAM.

At a banquet given for the Waltham High School football team by Mrs. Clarence Needham at her home last night William Barry was elected captain of the football team for 1910, succeeding Walter Stankard. Barry has played left halfback on the team for the last two seasons. Only players who received their "W's" attended the banquet.

CUTLER BEATS DEMAREST.

NEW YORK, Dec. 15.—Calvin Demarest, the world's 18.2 champion, was defeated for the second time last night in the second night's play of the 18.2 tournament by Albert G. Cutler of Boston, 400 to 234.

Nearly everybody in Boston reads the AMERICAN.

STRAIGHT DOPE FOR SPORT FANS

IF BRONSON OR HIS TRAINER, WILLIE Fitzgerald, the Fighting Harp, made a loud yell over in New York about the "Boston decision" when they were given an undeserved draw here a couple of weeks ago, I'm wondering how far the sound of their shrieks will travel when they tell of the fiasco of last night. Far be it from me to criticise a referee's judgment, but I haven't been able to get the odor of Fleming's award out of my nostrils yet. Deshler won before and I was hoping to see him win again, but he didn't have the goods and was beaten by about three furlongs. When that draw decision came I was sorry I hadn't paid my way in so I could make at least an attempt to express my feelings in suitable language. Fleming made a bad mistake—one of the kind that hurts Boston as a sport town. I wonder if there ever was a really good referee.

DID YOU SEE THAT CIRCUS PARADE when the Indianapolis fighter and his manager, trainer and seconds marched into the ring? Great stuff, those white sweaters with "Bronson Club" embroidered across the front, and the one Max Baker wore certainly was becoming to his particular style of beauty. When Sam Langford saw that parade moving in he gasped twice, then hunted up Joe Woodman and said:

"Mistah Woodman, then's nothin' to it. Yuh got tuh git me a bunch o' nice green ones with 'Langford Syndicate' worked on th' front in bright red letters. Oh, yuh Bronson Club."

AND NOW VALIANT TEDDY THE Hunter is going after a dinosaurus which is supposed to have its habitat in the outlying wards of Rhodesia. This particular dino has a head and tail like a crocodile, horns like a rhinoceros, neck like a python and the body of a hippopotamus. A lot of wise old boys whose hedge has slipped from the tops of their cooks and lodged against their Adam's apples, have been telling us that the dino was extinct, but Teddy and I refused to fall for it. I saw one once myself, just like Teddy's only mine had a blue head, pink ears, a cerise body and a tail the color of Johnny Mooney's new fuzzy Kelley. I've never cared much for those pousse cafes since.

SO CY SEYMOUR, HE OF THE HEAVY wallop and scrappy disposition, may wear a Boston National uniform next year. Here's hoping. He is a real live, wide-awake ball player, and President Dovey needs a few more like him. We'll forgive him all his scrapping—even forgive him for throwing Arlie Latham down and biting a piece out of his map—if he'll help put the Doves up in the race.

THEY DON'T SEEM TO BE ABLE TO get the boxing game back on its feet very fast over in New York. Some good bouts were billed for the National Sporting Club for Monday night. They didn't come off and accounts differ as to the reason. Here's the way one New York paper has it:

> Owing to the inclement weather the opening boxing stag of the National Sporting Club, which was scheduled to take place at Sulzer's Casino last night, was postponed until next Monday.

And this is another account of the affair as printed in New York:

> Tom O'Rourke's National Sporting Club failed to give its initial show last night as the police had stolen a march on the veteran. Four officers had managed to obtain tickets for the show, and also got summons from Magistrate Steinert for the fighters and O'Rourke in case the show opened. Rather than have any argument with the law, O'Rourke called the affair off.

I don't know which is right, but if it came to a show-down I'd be willing to make one guess.

> Straight Dope, Boston American:
> Will you kindly give your opinion on the following case in your paper: In a pool on the six-day race, A picks Rutt and Stol, B, McFarland and Clarke, and C Root and Fogler. As Rutt and Clarke combined and won the race after the withdrawal of McFarland and Stol, A and B claim that the pool should be split between them. This opinion is agreeable to all the members of the pool except C, who claims that as Root and Fogler rode the entire race and finished second the pool is his. Hoping that you will answer at your earliest convenience, I am, very truly yours,
> CONSTANT READER.

C is right. He wins the pool. This answer also goes for H. H. B. of Plymouth.

> Straight Dope, Boston American:
> In looking over baseball dope published by Walter M. Berry, Old South Building, Boston, I noticed on page 21 he makes the statement that the St. Louis Americans made three sacrifice hits in one inning in a game August 30.
> Is this possible? I am inclined to think it impossible as the rule provides that a player to be credited with a sacrifice hit must purposely forfeit his chance and advance a base runner.
> I pitched ball twenty-five years ago and know the game. I am a consistent reader of your stuff and if I don't see your diagnosis of this freak in your paper will conclude that you are not as well versed in baseball as in other sports.
> JOHN J. McDONALD.

Not an impossible thing to make three sacrifice hits or even more in one inning. You must have played with the Shamrocks in the days before they had printed rules. When a batter attempts to sacrifice and reaches first on an error, he must be credited with a sacrifice hit. Here's another way: with none or but one out and a man on third, the batter send a long fly to the outfield—long enough to score the man at third if caught—and the fielder muffs it, the batter is credited with a sacrifice. That allows for four in one inning. If you want any more, just repeat as often as you please. Easy, isn't it?

> Straight Dope, Boston American:
> Dear Sir:—Kindly let me know through your Dope column the nationality of Alex Bersin, the wrestler, better known as Joe Rusek. Here is a piece from the Police Gazette in which it states that Lex Bersin is a Finlander. Please let me know if this is Joe Rusek, the man who is going to wrestle Sam Anderson next week at the Columbia Theatre. Also let me know the age of Anderson and Rusek.
> Thanking you in advance for the favor you may do me, I remain,
> Yours truly,
> Boston. J. VYRTANEN.

Bersin and Rusek are entirely different persons. Bersin wrestled here last season under the name of Rusek and later under his own name. The man who performs tonight at the Columbia is the original and only blown in the bottle Joe Rusek, who wrestled here early last Winter. I have no reason to doubt that Bersin is a Finlander, although he was at one time champion of the U. S. navy. Wrestlers are as shy as old maids about their ages, but Anderson is about twenty-five and Rusek a year or two older.

AT LAST IT LOOKS AS IF THERE was something doing in the matter of a battle for the world's championship. According to press dispatches from Chicago, where Bat Nelson now has his theatrical headquarters, the Battler and Freddy Welsh have been matched for a bout to take place in England next February. Freddy Welsh is a good boy—one of the very best—but we're strong for Bat.

ACCORDING TO THE DAILY NEWSpaper accounts of old-time boxers who have been engaged as sparring partners for Jeffries, the former champion's camp will take on a close resemblance to a home for passe prize fighters. Mighty few of the real has-beens who have not been gathered to help put the Californian in shape for the big black. Judging from the length of time the theatrical contracts have yet to run, it might be a good idea to have Berger write a drama, or possibly a tragedy, and give each of the old-timers a speaking part. It would be a hummer and no mistake.

UNCLE JOE CANNON IS A GAME OLD sport and a whole lot nearer up-to-date than his grocery store side whiskers would indicate to the casual observer. According to the Saturday Evening Post, the dictator of that unruly bunch down in Washington, and owner of the Danville (Ill.) baseball club, has just taken his first lesson in golf.

This is a mistake. While he might not be able to qualify in a manner that would make him a formidable dark horse as a successor to the lusty gentleman who holds the Presidential golf championship, it is more than ten years since he took his first lesson at the game, and here is how it happened:

Along back in the nineties a number of Western men and railroads interested in the great Northwest conceived the idea of making a forestry reserve of a vast portion of Northern Minnesota, and a bill was presented in Congress, but didn't get very far.

In September, 1899, these same men and railroads planned a big junket into the northern woods to show the lawmakers from the nation's capital what a necessary thing this reserve was.

NELSON WILL NOT FIGHT WELCH TWENTY ROUNDS

By TAD.

NEW YORK, Dec. 15.—Welch vs. Nelson for twenty rounds sounds like bunk to us. Does anyone think that Nelson is crazy enough to take a chance with his title against Welch in such a limited contest. The news yesterday states that the boys were to battle before the National Sporting Club of London, and that the winner would be hailed as the lightweight champion of the world.

As Mr. Williams says: "I may be crazy but I ain't no fool." That goes for B. Nelson in large type. That's B. Nelson. He looks like a rum many a time. He acts like a rum at other times, but B. Nelson has something besides sawdust in that noodle of his. He knows that he's not a boxer. Ad Wolgast, Rudie Unholtz, Jimmy Britt proved that to him.

He either lost or ran very close with these gents in limited round contests, but just as soon as he got them in a forty-five-round game, or, as he calls it, the "Marathon route," B. Nelson was always returned the winner.

Britt, Hans and Hylands learned a lesson at that route.

Battling Nelson is no short distance fighter at all. He's kidding when he says that he will fight Welch twenty rounds. Why, Welch is a bear at that distance. He would certainly make the Dane look like a wooden Indian, but pit him against Nelson in the forty-five-round thing and then make your bets.

Welch is a boxer, but couldn't break a pane of glass with that punch of his, although he has stopped a few second raters. Mr. Nelson is probably looking for a little boost in the show line. He has stated time and again that if they wanted his title they'd have to come through on the forty-five-round thing, otherwise no mittings.

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Remember Tom McCarey, from Los Angeles? Well, the day he started for New York from Los Angeles some one nicked him for his diamond scarfpin. Up at the Albany the gang heard about it and thought it a great joke. Tom bought a new one upon his arrival here and two days later while sitting in the lobby of the Albany was talking to Eddie Graney. The latter suddenly looked up at Tom's tie, and winking to another of the party out of the office said:

"Tom, where's your pin?"

Without even feeling if he still had it or not McCarey threw up his hands, and yelling "two in one week," sank back.

Fifteen minutes later he discovered that it was still there and walked into the bar where they kept the wine on ice.

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And while we are on the subject of squirrels let us state that it is impossible to keep "Jawn" O'Brien upon the ground. He tells us now that he is about to build a new arena in West Philadelphia which will seat between 6,000 and 7,000 people. A big insurance man by the name of Burke is in with him, and they figure on operations beginning about the first of the year. Jawn himself will appear in the star bout of the first night, and is figuring upon "Thammy" Langford, the tar baby, as his opponent.

Ought to be mill, Jawnny; get it going.

JOHNSON NAMED BY HORSEMEN

A. M. Johnson has been nominated to fill the position of president the ensuing year by the Dorchester Driving Club, and there being no candidate selected in opposition it insures his election. J. W. Linnehan, the present incumbent of the chair, refused to run again.

For first vice-president was nominated W. P. Boutelle, and he, too, has a clear field before him without opposition. The first conflict comes in selecting the second vice-president, the candidates nominated being Fred H. Bellows and F. W. Hamlin. The secretary remains the same, George A. Greenwood, as does the office of treasurer, Albert Fellows, as none of the members cared to take a chance in running against the two for these positions.

The big contest comes in the electing of a board of directors, there being twenty-two nominated, of which only five can hope for success, the board being confined to that number. Those nominated were: E. T. Hodgkins, M. McDermott, R. C. Richardson, John Coakley, L. A. Beane, Thomas J. Griffin, W. J. Fitzgerald, R. G. Crosby, F. O. Guild, John Speirs, F. S. Eldredge, Dr. R. B. Sealer, E. S. Harris, A. T. Wheelock, A. J. Furbush, P. O'Hara, Solly Wolfson and S. Walter Wales, Jr.

The election comes Monday evening, December 27, and on the same evening will be awarded the prizes won during the past season in the matinees at Franklin Field Speedway.

SURE JEFF CAN COME BACK AND LICK JOHNSON

"Can a fighter who has been out of the game as long as Jim Jeffries come back and make good? He most certainly can. And let me give you another pointer—Jack Johnson has a yellow streak a yard wide all through his system. Jeff is likely to get to him any round and make him quit like a dog."

It was Frank Kelly speaking—Frank Kelly at whose home, Terrace Park, Big Jeff signed the statement announcing his retirement from the fight game. Kelly has seen more of the real great big fights than any other sporting man in this part of the country, having journeyed across the continent several times just to get at the ringside of some great glove contest.

Kelly is pulling heart and soul for Jeff to lick the black man in the coming battle that will settle beyond question the championship of the world.

"There was nobody left in his class—no more for him to conquer. He only got a purse that wasn't quite $5,000 when he licked Monroe, the miner, and the little fighters were getting four and five times that amount. There was nobody left who could be rated as any sort of a drawing card against the big fellow. So there was nothing for him to do but retire or continue fighting against second raters for purses that made him look small. So he retired.

"Now it is asked whether he can come back and make good? There are lots of cases where fighters came back and made good after being out of the game. And there's is no reason why Jeff shouldn't. Look how Griffo came back after he had been out of the ring for months in a careeer of wild dissapition. He came back and was even better than ever.

"Jack Dempsey quit the ring time and time again, but always came back and beat his man, until he met his match in Fitzsimmons. And Dempsey was dissipating heavily. Jeff takes better care of himself than either of these. His drinking is confined to beer and his habits are better than most of the fighters. Why shouldn't he come back?

"And there's a streak of dog in that Jack Johnson that is likely to crop out at any time in his fight with Jeff. Look what he did when he met Mike Shreck before the Shamrock Athletic Club of Chicago. Johnson quit cold turkey on that occasion—that's what he did at the end of the third round of what was to have been a four-round go.

"He got up and announced that he 'came hyah for a sparring match and this hyah white man was a fightin'. He was hissed to the echo but he held to his decision and would not go into the ring with Shreck. Wonder what he wanted—a feather bed and bolsters. And the man who was a quitter once will be a quitter again. You can't get rid of a yellow streak.

"Johnson is clever with his mitts and he has the sleep-punch, but Jeff is clever, too. Jeff is the cleverest big man and the greatest of all fighters that ever stepped into the ring. He could have licked John L. Sullivan or any other fighter in his prime. He is in a class by himself."

SIX COLLEGES BALK ON FOOTBALL RULES

PITTSBURG, Dec. 15.—Washington and Jefferson College, Grove City College, Westminister College, Geneva College, Allegheny College and the University of West Virginia, composing the Intercollegiate Athletic Association of Western Pennsylvania and West Virginia have decided to drop football as played under the code or rules that govern the present game, unless the rule makers substitute rules that will make it impossible for youths to sustain injuries on the field of a contest.

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N. E. C. 2nd, 43; Decatur, 5.
St. Josephs, A. A., 11; Madisons, 8.
Winchester High, 62; Hyde Park High, 7.
Pontiacs, 28; Clinker, A. A., 26.

MAHMOUT BEATS AMERICUS.

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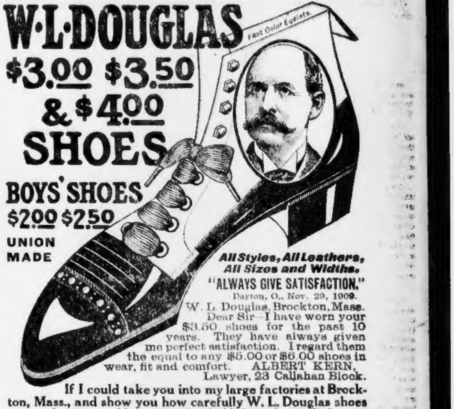

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Styles of Days Gone By

If the Girls of To-day Did as Their Grandmothers the Hands of Mankind Would Be Raised in Holy Horror

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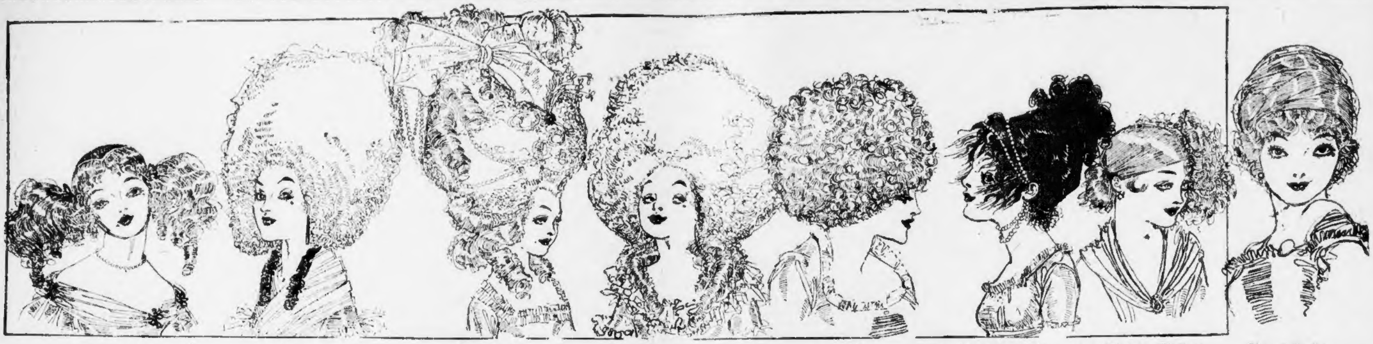
By Nell Brinkley



"Heart Breaker's Winkapeeps" "Perriwigs" The "Tower" Another "Tower" A Wig. The "Careless" Mode A la Mathilda Hoffman Girl of To-day

SOME of the men-folks have the gallantry and the daring to rise up in the crouching host, and outline themselves as a freak against the sky and say:

"Here's me for the girl of now. No grandmothers for this chicken. My sainted ancestor-lady wore excelsior in her hair.

"Give me out of the flocks of clean, unlaced little maids that swim by me every day on the sidewalks of the city. Not one in ten has a rat in her hair, if she's fashionable. But, by Venus, I prefer a two-inch rat against a two-foot pagoda of rag-bag treasures and horse hair."

But the babel of tongues drowns him down.

Some of you who sigh for the dear, dead ways of fixing hair, who wish all the girls back into the grandmother days, who turn back your heart's eye and see those little dames sane and simple, take a little peek back into the real, authentic two centuries of hair history.

Some of our little Puritan damsels then had bangs. They chopped the long, shining hair in front and made little loose curls.

Bangs tried their best to get in from over the sea this last season—and a thin bunch of foolish little kittens cropped theirs—but how many—and where did the bang sneak to?

The girls were stubborn and refused to ruin their hair. They turned it down and shrugged it away.

Here's a pic of the first fashion. It had a bunch of curls in back just like those on either side. They called them "a pair of perukes" and "heart-breakers" and they were almost always false.

Their Exaggerated Fashions.

From an account on one bill in Salem, in 1679, this was made up of hair, wire, and catgut. My stars! Also, they called them "French mustaches" and winkers and wind-a-peeps.

Some times they were wired so that they might flutter and stand out like butterfly wings to the edge of their shoulders.

Puritan preachers denounced their women folks and called them "monsters" rather than chaste Christian matrons.

Now did you think your Puritan Great-gran'-dame needed to be talked to like that?

Then powdered hair followed. Powder bags and powdering machines were made. Powder came plain and scented and in blue and brown and white. Hair-puffs and cushions and rools got into the game. The hair rose into a tower.

A little girl, in 1770, described her head-dress. It made her head itch and burn like anything. It was made not wholly of "Red Cow-Tail" but of a mixture of that and very coarse horse hair, and a little yellow hair out of an old wig, all carded and twisted together.

From one of her letters comes this: "How long she was under his operations I know not. I saw him twist and tug and pick and cut off whole locks of gray hair at a slice (the lady telling him he would have no hair to dress next time) for the space of the hour and a half, when I left them, he seeming not to be near done."

They invented ways to fix this tower immovably, so that it would not fall down and need very little repair for a whole season.

One young lady had hers knocked off in an accident in Boston, and this was its stuffing—yarn, tow, wool, curled hair, and hay! and the street gamins kicked it about the streets like a football.

Washington Not in Fashion

I make you three fashions of this "tower." One built in a great square shape hanging to the shoulders; another round, with streamers of curls over each shoulder, and one piled tier upon tier with flowers and ribbons and beads and plumes to crown it off at the vast top and all three frizzed and kinked into a mist.

Their own hair got a washing at such far apart times that one Lady Grey, who kept her's clean and unpowdered and curled without any false hair to help it out, was a rarity and a marvel.

After this comes the shaved-head time and the close curled wig, like little white or black sausages. The wig was big and perfectly round and the curls were short.

Then came long white wigs called "bandoes." This was a little prettier fashion and cleaner and more comfortable. But even so, it was a wonder and a fantasy, and maids with gorgeous heads of hair shaved them close so they might wear a wig and be in the mode.

One little creature wrote to her mother in 1780 to know if she might have the money to buy a wig, and cut her hair. "Mamma," she says, "at the assembly I was quite ashamed of my head, for nobody has long hair.

They Shaved Their Heads

The whole style was the result of foolishness, scatterbrainedness, for the shaving of the head came because of the poor heads that had been burned and frizzed and sweated bare.

And then the "sensible little grandmothers" who had saved their splendid hair out of this hair-catastrophe, which God gave and made long on woman that it might be a glory and a covering to her, chopped theirs off.

Then came a disheveled fashion that looked like rain driving across the face. A wild, mussed-up look. The hair was cut around the face and my lady pulled the wavy locks in an untidy fringe all about her forehead and cheeks and eyes. If the hair was heavy and long, she mercilessly cropped it off, for meager hair was the mode. The back was twisted into a knot, and then the front made as if a great wind was blowing from behind, streaking her fringed locks into her eyes.

Then—the most grotesque and monstrous and ugly of all: The hair was made up different on each side! You can see for yourself.

Venus must have wept and been astonished, too, for men seemed to love 'em just the same. For Washington Irving's love that he called "beautiful and more beautiful" did her hair this way. One side cropped and frizzed out, the other plastered down as if it were glued, with one shock of a curl left out in front of the ear and then the knot put away at one side of the head behind the ear, so that the Lady always looked one-sided from a rear squint.

If Not Hair, Then Hoops

Now, take 'em all together and then shut your blasphemous eyes and think on the maid that is refined and smart and conservative now!

Think on even those that aren't.

I will admit that a puff is the ugliest thing that ever sat on a maid's head, but even so, the lauded 'ancestor ladies wore "rolls" that would make our puffs curl up and crackle with envy of their ugliness and size.

Girls nowadays won't bang their hair they don't wear hay in it and horse hair; and they don't fill it with grease and powder; they insist on keeping it clean—they wash it often; they don't burn or cut it—they are afraid of the scissors or the irons; they don't go to bed with it night after night without taking it down and brushing it out; you couldn't hire them to shave it and wear a wig; they don't pull their hair in straggling streaks all over their faces—their definition of smartness is to be neat; and they never, never would get their hair up in hideous fashion of Mathilda Hoffman's.

And our sainted and sensible grandmamas did all of these things with their hair.

My great grandmother wore her hair smooth and natural, but she wore hoops and hung her stay-strings over a bed post to cinch herself up.

That evens things.

Here's to the girl of now! And here's to the man that likes her, too.

Even on the stage, that Exaggerator, plain hair is the thing, hipped and parted and as natural as a woodland woman's.

Oh, fie-fie on you, grandmother—little coxcomb grandmother! Little, senseless, scatter-brained, fantastic grandmother who could teach your maiden descendants a whole book on Vanity and Folly. Fie on you!

NELL BRINKLEY.

Common Sense Aids to Health

By ELLA WHEELER WILCOX

A YOUNG woman was feeling indisposed and out of sorts, and a relative urged her to visit a physician of high standing and obtain the opinion of science regarding her condition.

When she left his office she was weighed down with a knowledge of complicated diseases whose very names were Greek to her, but according to this wise man she was a victim of all.

"Yet I can walk five miles easily without fatigue," she said, "and I have not a pain nor an ache. I merely feel a little below par."

She was commanded to drop all mental effort—she must not read or write or work—and a change of climate was recommended.

At this time of year a change of climate is excellent for all of us, but only a few are enabled to enjoy the benefits of travel, and this young woman does not feel she is one of the few.

Nature's Own Remedies

Knowing her intimately, I am convinced that all she needs to restore herself to perfect health is to fast a little, exercise in the open air, take cold sponge baths and breathe properly.

She would be robust in two months' time if she followed this simple course of treatment faithfully.

To drop meat, coffee, tea and other stimulants for one month; to take ten minutes morning and night for deep breathing, to walk in the open air an hour a day, would cure half the complaining people whom we meet and who haunt doctors' offices for examinations and prescriptions.

For an individual, who is merely indisposed to submit to a medical examination is the next step to invalidism after reading a medical book or advertisement which describes the symptoms of diseases.

What the Specialist Said

Some ten years ago a lady who had overtaxed her vitality in doing what she thought was her duty, found her eyes troubling her. She felt a constant desire to close the lids.

Visiting a famous specialist, she was informed that she had always suffered from "astigmatism," and she must at once procure spectacles and wear them constantly.

"I use glasses for reading and writing," she said, "but I do not feel my vision is imperfect otherwise."

"You will suffer from violent headaches and hysteria," the oculist insisted, "unless you use glasses constantly."

"I never had a headache in my life," the woman answered, "and I never am hysterical. My eyes seem merely tired of late."

"But headaches and hysteria will develop," the doctor announced cheerfully, "unless you wear glasses."

The lady was vain enough, however, to postpone the purchase of spectacles indefinitely, dreading to mar her personal appearance. She rested her eyes, had them treated by hot water applications, built up her vital forces with exercise, rest and nutritious food, and to-day she is robust, well and strong, and has never purchased the spectacles, nor suffered from a headache or hysteria. Her vision is excellent.

Use Common Sense First

Of course physicians and oculists and all specialists do much good in the world.

But they also do much harm when they alarm people who consult them, as in the cases cited above.

I would advise all nervously-inclined people to keep away from doctors until they tried the simple nature cures first, and then, if those fail, to resort to science.

It can harm no one to drop meats and stimulants and live on cereals and fruits for a few weeks, or to be faithful in deep breathing and regular moderate exercise.

Most of our ailments come from overtaxed digestion and poor circulation.

A glass of distilled or pure water drunk every morning on rising is better than any drug, powder or pill to start the digestive organs in their daily work.

If you have let your physical machinery rust or get in bad order, employ a "specialist" to renovate it, but first try what a little personal attention and common sense care will do to keep it in order.

The mind of the specialist is more or less distorted by his devotion to one idea, and he will nine times out of ten see your case much worse than it is if you put yourself under his inspection.

TO-DAY'S BEST STORY

A CHARMING Louisville girl, the daughter of a minister, has always been famed for her habit of saving things because they may come in handy, and this Summer the family told a story on her which she would give a good deal to suppress.

She had been away at White Sulphur Springs, and, being especially popular, had become the recipient of such a variety of souvenirs that before coming home she sent one trunk ahead, in which she put many of the various trinkets for her smaller brothers and sisters, and some Summer frocks which had become too faded for wear.

Her mother industriously unpacked the trunk, and finally, when reaching the bottom, was transfixed to find several hundred poker chips and about half a dozen decks of cards. When her horrified father later demanded an explanation, the daughter quite innocently and unconsciously said:

"Why, father, they were left in the room I was occupying by some former occupant, and I just took them because I thought they might come in handy."

And even the minister smiled at her explanation.

THE FOLLY OF ADULTS

BY A BABY

WHEN one is two years old the world appears to be peopled with chumps, dunderheads, bores and pests.

The first thing a visitor does on entering the house is to snatch you up from the floor, where you may be in the midst of an interesting Teddy bear hunt, and then he or she bangs you down on a hard knee, with the remark, "So this is Margaret!"

Who else would it be—do they think people have a different baby in the house every day?"

Next they poke you in the cheek and say, "What is your name, Margaret?" Ever see anything to beat that—calling a person by her name and then asking what it is?

Suppose I should stick my finger into a stranger's cheek and say, "What is your name, Mr. Smith?" wouldn't every one say that the child had gone crazy? Of course they would. But then I have too much sense to waste my time asking persons to tell me what I know already.

After this I am usually jiggled up and down a few times, and then a bright thought strikes the visitor. Twisting my head around until I am compelled to look into his eyes, he says: "Who is this?"

What do you think of that—asking me to tell him who he is? Do no grown-up persons know who they are? It looks that way—so many of them ask me to tell them.

After this comes another bright question: "Whose little girl are you?" or, as it is more frequently put, "Oos ittle dirlie is oo?" I have to talk that way a little sometimes, but that's because I've had so little practice, and I'll soon get over it. Yet why on earth should anyone talk like that when they don't have to?

And what an idiotic question: Whose little girl am I? Whose would I be?

After this exhibition of brilliancy, the visitor usually looks around with a pleased smile and drops me on the floor, where I go back to something really interesting.

Mother of Twenty-Five

By BEATRICE FAIRFAX

MARGARET has twenty-five dolls and an adoring aunt is about to contribute the twenty-sixth, so the little mother will have her hands full.

They are not all Parisian beauties, the members of that numerous family; the legless, the armless, the eyeless, almost the headless, are among its cherished members; but she loves them all desperately, impartially.

She's a born mother, this Margaret of mine.

She has informed her mother that, when she is grown up, she means to have twenty-five children, "and we'll live with you, mother, dear," she added graciously.

As her years, at present, number seven, there are some years of grace for her mother, before her duties as grandmother to the twenty-five begin.

Occasionally you meet a little girl who does not care for dolls, and I always feel sorry to see it. It seems as though some feminine quality were left out of her nature.

Training School for Later Life

A child's life, with her dolls, is simply the training school of her later life.

Boys have nothing that takes the place of dolls. They have marbles and tops and kites and all their outdoor games, but no one great passion, such as a girl's love for her doll.

Do you remember how real your dolls were; the hard, smiling, doll face seemed as soft as a real baby's; you just loved it into seeming life.

Try to remember, as Christmas draws near, that there are thousands of empty little hearts just starving for a dolly. If you give one little girl a doll, you will have made one person exquisitely happy on Christmas Day.

Fortunately the loving little hearts and empty arms are just as eager for a cheap dollie as a grand one.

Fifty cents or a dollar is not much to pay for perfect bliss, is it?

You Can Make Some Child Happy

Don't delude yourself with the idea that you don't know any little girl who has not a doll; you can find one easily enough; they are all too plenty.

Boys can always find something to do—one ball will afford amusement for six—but nothing takes the place of a doll with a girl.

Perhaps you know some little girls, with large doll families, who for the sake of other little girls, who have none, may be induced to part with some of their babies.

I know from experience that it is heartbreaking to part from any of those dearly loved, somewhat battered pets; but if you tell the little mother about the other little girl who has no dear babies, I think her heart will prompt her to part with a few of her children.

And open your own heart to the extent of buying at least one doll and making some lonely heart happy.

The Yellow Circle

A THRILLING MYSTERY By CHARLES E. WALK

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CHAPTER XIII.—Continued

Comparing Notes

"HOW ridiculous!" murmured she, gracefuly bending her head this way and that, while she continued to adjust the disordered tresses which no power on earth could ever make smooth. "I have done my best to put off this moment"—her hands dropped before her and she faced him—"you can't say I have not"——

"I can't truthfully say you have not," he humbly agreed.

—"but"—her bosom rose in a sigh—"I suppose it was bound to come. We have been such good chums, Foster, you and I; I loved so to talk to you, to seek your advice—you are so wise when you want to be—and now"——

"And now?" He watched her eagerly.

"Now it can never, never be like that again. And I am so sorry."

With an obvious effort he looked away from her.

She Regains Her Composure

"If wisdom follows the desire for it," said he, "then at this moment I am Solomon and Daniel rolled into one. I promise not to transgress again, and I protest that nothing has occurred to prevent us being chums—er—forever."

"Foster," plaintively, "why are you so silly?"

His attitude became judicial. He returned:

"If to love your chum with an undying devotion signifies silliness, then am I constrained to admit the soft impeachment. As to why it should be so the invoked wisdom answereth not; I cannot tell you."

Whether his mood were serious or whimsical she could not determine.

"You have told me nothing," said she, crossing her slim ankles and arranging her skirts over them; her composure was now admirable. "You have not even expressed an opinion on the remarkable story which I have just told you."

"Pardon me; I avowed the belief that Dorothy was not dead. It would require more than the irresponsible outburst of an hysterical invalid to convince me otherwise. As for the rest of your story, I can make very little of it—as yet. But we are gathering together a number of clews that are going to direct us to something—some development—and that right soon. Like the estimable Mr. Flint, we shall follow them diligently, whether or not they lead us anywhere."

"Who is Mr. Flint?"

Mr. Cole waved a hand.

"Such is fame. "Mr. Flint is the humble disciple of Sherlock Holmes who sought to entertain us at St. Stephen-the-Martyr's Tuesday night."

"Oh—he! If we were obliged to depend upon a person like that to find Dorothy, I am afraid she would remain lost to us forever"—and after a pause she doubtfully added—"if she is not already."

"Your tone implies a lack of faith in Mr. Flint. But he assures me he is following certain clews, in fancy I can see him, red and perspiring, as he runs at top speed, this way and that, in pursuit of the nimble and elusive clue; so do not disparage his modest efforts. Perhaps he is even now quite winded and collapsed. However, let us return to our own clews."

"You seem to relish that word. I detest it; I think it horrid!" said Edith, her lips assuming a distasteful curve.

"My dear Edith, it is classic. Without a clew we could not successfully penetrate this labyrinth—or, at any rate, we might not find our way out again.

"For example," pursued he, discursively, "there is the yellow crayon. It is indubitably used for some purpose by Dorothy's enemies—as a means of communication. I have reason for believing; therefore, anybody addicted to the yellow crayon habit is open to suspicion. I must admit though, a reluctance to suspect Miss Letitia of complicity in such a plot as we are now confronting."

The Yellow Symbol

He told her of the yellow symbol on the step of the Gibbs mansion, the yellow circle on the message in the reliquary, the yellow circle on the gate-post of the abandoned house, and of his unexpected view of Cullmore so near the latter.

"And now," he inquired in conclusion, "what do you think of this new idea: the yellow circles are merely crude representations of a"——

She clapped her hands with sudden enthusiasm and took the words out of his mouth.

"A gilt band!" she cried.

"Exactly."

"But what do they mean?"

Cole shook his head.

"Let us revert a moment to Miss Letitia," said he. "Is she unconscious?—raving?"

"No, not unconscious, and scarcely raving in the sense that she is delirious. Her manner was wild, frenzied to an extreme, when I left her; but she comprehended all I said to her. After her last dreadful assertion that Dorothy was dead, though I could draw no more from her, my persistence seemed to make her condition worse, and I was obliged to desist, even before the doctor arrived."

Cole was now convinced that it was Miss Letitia who had procured the reliquary from Dorothy's cabinet.

"I will get you a piece of yellow chalk," he resumed. He produced his card case and took out a card, and with his fountain pen drew three circles on the back of it. In one he wrote "Kt e-32 e"—the symbol discovered on Gibb's doorstep; in the second, "Kt B-118," which had been enclosed by the small circle on the typewritten sheet in the reliquary, and in the third a capital letter "M."

"As soon as you have an opportunity," said he, "try Miss Letitia with these. Spring them upon her suddenly; take her unawares; and observe the result. Can you do that?"

"Yes-s," she faltered. "But it seems so clandestine—so like taking an unfair advantage."

"And now," complained Cole, "you have not evinced the least curiosity concerning my adventures."

"Why," with unfeigned surprise, "have you experienced any?"

His lips curled ruefully.

"Indeed," said he, with an injured air, "did you think I was still absorbed in thought? You seemed to apprehend yesterday morning that the process would be somewhat complicated, but I assure you I have come successfuly through that ordeal. I have since been quite active; I have accomplished quite as much as you have."

She lifted her brows in polite incredulity.

"I daresay I shall not be bored—if it does not take too long."

"Then I shall be concise," said the imperturbable young man. "I have found the man with the scar."

Nor did he so much as smile when she at once dropped her mask of indifference and turned excitedly to him.

"Foster!" cried she, "you have really found him?"

"I have"——

She exclaimed again delightedly.

"—and I haven't," concluded he, with irritating deliberation.

(To Be Continued To-morrow.)

ADVICE TO THE LOVELORN

By BEATRICE FAIRFAX

NOT VERY DEEP LOVE

DEAR MISS FAIRFAX:

I have been keeping company with a young man whom I know thought considerable of me. We had a quarrel, and in a moment of anger I told him: "Very well, I will go with some of the other fellows." This angered him more than I imagined, as he is, so far as I can judge, of a jealous disposition. I really did not go out with anyone else. I only said it because at the time I was so angry I could have said or done anything. We have since then come together again, and I have explained my part as best I knew how, telling him at the time I was angry enough to say anything, but that I had gone with no one. He now states that while we will always be friends the old relations are over, as I have killed what love he had for me. AN ANXIOUS READER.

HIS love cannot have been very deep if it died for so small a cause. If you only "rather like him" you will not fret much over losing him. In any case you have done all you can toward a reconciliation; he must do the rest.

STICK TO BUSINESS

DEAR MISS FAIRFAX:

I am a young man of twenty-two and am engaged to marry a young girl of twenty, whom I love dearly, and she returns same. I have just started in business for myself, but it will take some time before I can think of marrying. The girl's mother wants us to marry this April, which I am quite unable to do. Now what shall I do? Shall I give up business and marry according to their wishes and start to work again (my trade is a cutter and I can easily support her) or shall I try and forget my love for her and make a success out of my business?

A CONSTANT READER.

IT would be much better to stick to your business and try to make a success of it if you feel that you will be able to do so. Do not give up the girl, but ask her to wait for you. Tell her mother that you are sure that you can make a success of your business and be able to eventually offer her daughter a good home. You are both young and it will not hurt you to wait a year or so.

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HOME MAGAZINE PAGE

Gold and Silver Gem Laden Gowns Feature At Miss Draper's Ball

By **ELIZABETH ELLIOTT.**

Such a merry lot of debutantes as assembled at the Somerset to assist at the launching on the social sea of the season's favorite, Dorothy Draper, and such a perfect setting as the large ballroom in its dress of laurel, palms and Southern smilax, with clusters of deep red roses peeping out between, made for all the flowering femininity assembled there.

Of course, the Draper ball has been the bright particular star in the vast firmament of social doings this year, and ever since it was first announced that Governor and Mrs. Draper were to present their pretty daughter at a large ball, debutantes have been in a flurry of excitement.

First it was a question as to whether or not they would be invited and next, of course, the great question of gowns presented itself. But, at any rate, no matter how long the pretty brows had been puckering over the gown problem, the solution was all right and that they proved to the complete satisfaction of all who saw them last night.

Wonderful Lot of Beauties.

Such a wonderful lot of beauties as the buds are this year anyway! There is, of course, first of all, Miss Draper, who received last night with her mother and whose pretty brunette coloring was set off to perfection by her simply fashioned gown of white satin draped with silver-spangled chiffon, and the band of silver in her dark hair. Her bouquet was of orchids and valley lilies.

Mrs. Draper wore a handsome gown of blue satin trimmed with silvered chiffon and a beautiful necklace of pearls.

Miss Draper was as radiantly happy and as self possessed as though she had weathered many an equally brilliant social storm and when her anxious intimates breathlessly questioned her as to whether or not she "felt nervous" she staunchly reassured them "not a bit."

The large ball room was decorated with ropes of laurel and hanging baskets of deep red roses while the "sitting-out" room was a miniature Italian garden with its fountain and profusion of palms and orange trees.

Supper was served at twelve and after that came the cotillion with Miss Draper and the popular young clubman, Barrett Wendell, Jr., leading. The favors were exceptionally pretty tiny baskets of flowers. Cupid's bows and various other simple though artistic, little gifts.

Season's Fair Debutantes.

Coming on to the ball with Mrs. Draper and Miss Dorothy were their house-guests, Miss Francis Lippitt of Providence, in pale blue satin, and Miss Mildred Dennett of New Jersey in white satin with tunic drapery of white chiffon edged with tiny pink rosebuds.

One of the beauties of the bud-set who has already been presented and had any number if smart affairs given in her honor is the winsome blonde, Margaret Richardson, who wore a fetching gown of pale pink satin made in tunic effect, the drape caught at the side with a long buckle.

Others of the buds there, arriving for the most part very early, were Miss Mary Parkman who was introduced last week at a large ball given for her at Copley Hall and who was distinguished in pale pink chiffon with drape of white chiffon; the winsome, brown-eyed Margaret Stackpole in pale green velvet draped in tunic effect the drape bordered with Grecian gold and pink embroidery and caught up with knots of pink roses at the side.

The handsome, rosy-cheeked Ruth Nickerson, who was presented earlier in the season, was in pale green satin with drape of silvered gray chiffon and a band of silver in her pretty dark hair.

Handsome Gowns.

Ruth Anthony was still another bud, attracting many admiring glances, and was most becomingly gowned in pale blue satin with bands of pink roses crossing the shoulders and a drape of pale blue chiffon caught up at the bodice by a band of pink roses. A cluster of the same blooms were in her hair.

Miss Katherine Doty, who made her initial bow a little over a week ago at a dinner-dance at the Algonquin Club, was dainty and picturesque in white spangled chiffon and pink roses. She arrived late.

Miss Helen Eustis was one of the prettiest of the fair-haired debutantes there, and was looking her best in a gown of yellow satin with drape of silvered chiffon.

Piquant Katherine Putnam, in deep rose satin with drape of black chiffon, was one of the earliest arrivals, and stood with a group of her sister-buds, talking animatedly over the prospects of the evening for several moments before they entered the dance hall.

So slim, graceful and golden-haired Leslie Bradley, daughter of the Robert S. Bradleys, looked her loveliest in a simple gown of cream white satin, the bodice adorned with touches of silver.

Miss Margaret De Ford was in white satin with one pink rose adorning the bodice, while Miss Anne Nelson was a picture in deep old rose satin.

Among the beautifully gowned matrons there were Mrs. Barrett Wendell, whose son led the cotillion with Miss Draper, and who was looking especially well in blue brocaded satin and diamonds; Mrs. Nathan Matthews, in pompadour brocaded satin; Mrs. Charles Amory, in black velvet; Mrs. Alexander Whiteside, in black velvet, and Mrs. Henry Parkman, in white satin and silver embroidery.

Charlotte Hemenway was perfect in bright cerise with silvery spangled chiffon and roses the same shade as her gown in her hair.

Mrs. Augustus Hemenway was in black and white striped chiffon with silvered net filling in the decolletege.

Miss Mary Lowell was stately and sweet in pale blue satin and had with her her house guest, Miss Louise Hoffman of New York, who wore pale blue satin and pearl necklace.

That most artistic and Oriental appearing of all our young matrons, Mrs. Harris Livermore, wore a handsome gown of gold embroidered chiffon over gold satin and a drape of black chiffon. A wreath of green silvered leaves and the long, exceedingly long gold earrings added much to the picture.

That prettiest of all last Winter's buds, Ellen Farnsworth, was there and, of course, was quite the belle. She was in palest pink satin with silver embroidery on the bodice and seemed to be having the loveliest of times. Miss Eleanor Sohier was in palest blue satin and Mrs. Albert Nickerson in black.

Diamond Butterfly.

That gracious and charming young matron, Mrs. Robert Saltonstall, was distinguished in green velvet trimmed with bands of silver embroidery and diamonds. Miss Adele Thayer was in white lace over pink velvet and Mrs. Walter Denegre was in gold paneled velvet and diamonds. Mrs. J. Arthur Beebe was regal in lavender brocade while Mrs. Frederick Stimson was in gray satin.

Miss Ethel Chandler, who was in Atlantic blue satin and silvered chiffon, had with her that pretty young Miss Dorothy Warner, who was exceptionally pretty in her gown of white satin adorned with one large gold and diamond butterfly on the side panel of the skirt holding the drapery in place and gold embroidery on the bodice.

Miss Marguerite Wesselhoeft was in white satin and chiffon and Miss Anna Gardiner, who was a bud of last Winter, was in blue satin embroidered in pink roses.

Miss Margaret Warner was gowned in pale blue satin and silvered chiffon, a band of silver in her hair and Miss Mary Fay, the handsome daughter of the Henry H. Fays, was striking in pale blue chiffon, with tunic drapery of spangled chiffon and a wreath of pink roses interwoven with blue ribbon circling her dark hair.

Miss Ruth Winsor was in white embroidered satin and pretty Susannah Cunningham was handsome in rose pink satin draped with tunic of silvered chiffon and pink roses in her dark hair.

Miss Elizabeth Lee, who made her debut last year, was a notable figure in peacock blue satin and dainty Elinor Quincy was in palest blue chiffon.

Mrs. Slater's Cloth of Gold.

Mrs. William Caleb Loring was in gray brocade and diamonds; Mrs. Robert Russell was in black velvet trimmed with jet and Mrs. A. Forbes Conant wore embroidered white chiffon over white satin.

Miss Dorothy Forbes, who carries herself so superbly, was more than ever distinguished in palest blue satin, draped with palest blue chiffon.

Quite handsomest gown worn by any one of the many beautifully gowned matrons there was the one worn by Mrs. Nelson Hunt Slater, a cloth of gold, with drapery of gold embroidered chiffon. Her tiara was of diamonds.

Miss Faith Simpkins, who is on from her home in Washington for a visit with her aunt, Mrs. Bayard Thayer, and who, through her Summer residence on the North Shore, has become so popular with our Boston girls, was handsome in pale blue satin.

Miss Katherine Amory was in white satin and Miss Katherine Warren was handsomely gowned in cloth of silver and tunic drapery of chiffon, bordered in pink rose buds.

Mrs. Robb de Peyster Tytus, who is numbered among Boston's divinely tall, was in beautifully embroidered blue satin with drape of spangled gray chiffon.

Mrs. John Thayer was a notably handsome figure in white satin trimmed with heavy lace and a necklace of diamonds.

Mrs. I. Tucker Burr was in pale blue satin with sweeping white aigrette in her hair.

Mrs. Guild in White Satin.

Miss Nora Thayer made a very charming picture in white chiffon over palest yellow satin and a corsage bouquet of deep red roses.

Mrs. Edwin Upton Curtis was in blue satin with shoulderstraps of black velvet. Mrs. Richard C. Dixey was in black satin and her pretty daughter, Rosamond, in green chiffon.

By far the most striking figure there was Mrs. Edward Brandegee in bright cerise satin and a long plume of cerise in her hair. Another notable cerise figure was Miss Rosamond Bradley, who wore cerise satin and pearls.

Mrs. Gordon Abbott wore an exquisite creation of old rose satin and Mrs. Alfred Bowditch was in black chiffon over white satin.

Mrs. Charles P. Greenough, 2d, was in cerise satin and Mrs. Robert S. Bradley, who chaperoned her two interesting daughters, was in black satin and pearls.

Mrs. Curtis Guild, Jr., who so long and so ably held the position of "our first lady" was resplendent in silver embroidered chiffon over white satin diamonds. Her sister, Mrs. John Lavalle, was in pale lavender satin trimmed with deeper tones of lavender velvet and diamonds and pearls were her jewels. The youngest sister, Mrs. Orlandini Guild, was in pale blue satin.

Mrs. Alfred Bowditch was in black chiffon over white satin while Mrs. Charles Parker was handsome in dark blue satin and pearls.

Miss Eleanora Sears, was in pale pink satin and Miss Alice Thorndike another of our blonde beauties was in pale blue satin trimmed with gold.

Other notably gowned women were: Mrs. Henry Wheelwright, in deep rose chiffon; Mrs. S. V. R. Crosby, in yellow satin with chiffon tunic edged with sable; Miss Marion Fenno, in red satin draped in silvered net and caught at the side with a cluster of red roses; Miss Sybil Stone, in white satin embroidered in silver; Alice Bradford, in deep rose satin with drape of silver embroidered chiffon; Mrs. William Gaston, in deepest yellow satin with spangled drape of gray chiffon caught up with tiny clusters of roses; Mrs. Boylston Beal, in pale green velvet edged with bands of sable; Mrs. Oliver Ames, in white chiffon embroidered in brilliants; Mrs. Hallam Movius, in black satin; Mrs. S. Parker Bremer, in white satin embroidered in gold and Mrs. George R. Fearing, in pale pink satin with bands of cut steel over the shoulders.

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"FAUST."

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Faust	Florencio Constantino
Mephistopheles	Giusto Nivette
Valentine	Raymond Boulogne
Wagner	Roberto Vanni
Marguerite	Alice Nielsen
Siebel	Bettina Freeman
Marthe	Mildred Rogers

Grand Corps de Ballet.

Musical director	Wallace Goodrich
Regisseur general	Delfino Menotti

The opera of "Faust" is repeated at the Opera House this evening, and an exceptionally brilliant cast has been selected, with Constantino as Faust, Alice Nielsen as Marguerite, Nivette as Mephistopheles, Boulogne as Valentine, Bettina Freeman as Siebel, Mildred Rogers as Marthe, and Roberto Vanni as Wagner.

Wallace Goodrich conducts the production.

The story of "Faust" is too well known to require repetition. It was composed by Gounod back in the 50's to a libretto adapted from Goethe's novel. It has since been given in dramatic form and the subject has been used by other composers, as Berlioz in "The Damnation of Faust," and Boito in "Mephistophele."

"Faust" stands alone as a purely melodious work. From the first part to the last there is a succession of beautiful tunes, some of which have become hackneyed by constant repetition but always pleasing when well sung.

SOCIETY EVENTS AND NEWS

By **ELIZABETH ELLIOTT.**

It was a wise bit of forethought on the part of the buds not to plan any functions for to-day or to-night as they're more than likely to be rather a droopy bouquet of buds after their dissipation of last night, when they were out in force at the Draper ball.

There is, of course, the opera, at which they will no doubt appear, but anything more strenuous than posing in picturesque gowns and listening to music would be quite out of the question.

But after to-day the smart events in their honor follow fast and furiously and it surely won't be long before the sweet things are crying for mercy and fleeing to the Sunny South for rest and refreshment.

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Quite the most important topic being discussed to-day, aside from the Draper ball, is the engagement, just announced, of winsome Martha Pitkin, daughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. Charles Lewis Pitkin of Strathmore road, Brookline, to Samuel Niles of Brookline. Miss Pitkin is a Vincent Club girl and a member of the sewing circle of 1905.

The Pitkins own a beautiful Summer residence at Cohasset and it was there that Miss Ruth Pitkin was married a year ago to Joseph Chapman. Mr. Niles is a son of Dr. and Mrs. Edward Samuel Niles of Brookline and is a graduate of Harvard, class of 1909.

He is a member of the Harvard Round Table, the Phoenix Club and Institute of 1770; also of the Longwood Cricket Club. It is thought that the wedding will take place in the early Spring.

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Miss Helen Barr of this city is visiting in Providence and is being entertained by her aunt, Mrs. Charles A. Heiser. Mrs. Heiser is to give a tea on Saturday at which she will introduce Miss Barr to the debutantes of Providence.

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Mrs. Louis C. Page of Brookline has been the guest of Miss Anita Wolfe Richardson Hanna at her home in New York. Mrs. Page returned to her residence in Brookline yesterday, but will visit Miss Hanna for a month early in the New Year.

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Mrs. Theodore Roosevelt has gone to Oyster Bay, where she has joined her daughter, Miss Ethel Roosevelt. Mrs. Roosevelt has been in New York since her return from abroad and has been the guest of Mrs. James A. Roosevelt of New York.

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Mr. and Mrs. John Mack of Blagden street have been entertaining Mrs. N. M. Horne of New York for the past fortnight. Mrs. Horne has returned to New York.

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Miss Eleanor Stuart is visiting in Atlantic City this week. She will spend some time in Washington before returning to Boston.

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Mrs. Charles A. Coolidge and her sister, Mrs. Charles Nagel, wife of the Secretary of Commerce and Labor at Washington, are greatly concerned over the ill-health of their sister, Mrs. Isaac H. Lionberger, of St. Louis. Mrs. Nagel is with her sister, whose illness is so serious that her return to Washington has been indefinitely postponed.

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Mr. and Mrs. Joseph H. Choate, Jr., have been in Washington this week. They were the guests at dinner of Assistant Secretary of War and Mrs. Oliver.

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Mrs. R. Clipston Sturgis of Beacon street will give a reception and tea to-morrow afternoon at the Tuileries for her debutante daughter, Miss Dorothy Sturgis. The intimate friends of the young girl, who are sister buds, will assist at the tea and chocolate tables and include Miss Mary Parkman, Miss Constance Zerrahn, Miss Katherine Putnam, Miss Barbara Bolles, Miss Harriette Woods, Miss Natica Inches, Miss Dorothy Pierce and Miss Margaret De Ford.

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Mrs. William S. Whiting is to give a reception and tea for her daughter, Miss Nathalie Whiting, at the Somerset on Saturday afternoon.

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Mrs. John Lowell has issued cards for a dinner at her residence on Commonwealth avenue which she is to give on Friday evening. The dinner has been arranged to precede the ball which Mr. and Mrs. Philip Saltonstall are to give at Paul Revere Hall for their debutante daughter, Miss Katherine Saltonstall.

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Mrs. Charles S. Hamlin, who has been the guest of relatives in Albany since the death of her mother, Mrs. John V. L. Pruyn, is sailing for a Winter in Europe this week.

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Mrs. Charles E. Perkins and her daughter, Miss Mary Perkins, are again in town and will pass the Winter at the Somerset. They have recently returned from Burlington, Ia. Their suburban home here is in Westwood, while their town house is on Commonwealth avenue.

Mrs. Perkins and her daughter were guests of Mrs. Perkins' father and mother, Mr. and Mrs. Charles B. Amory, at the Agassiz on Commonwealth avenue before their trip to the West.

Social Notes

The twenty-third annual dinner of the Boston Market Gardeners' Association was held last evening at the Quincy House. President Josiah B. Shurtleff, Jr., presided, and the guests and speakers were Kenyon L. Butterfield, president of Massachusetts Agricultural College; J. Lewis Ellsworth, secretary of State Board of Agriculture; William Bowker of the State Board of Agriculture; Thomas F. Lomasney, president of the Mercantile Market Association; Francis Batchelder, president of the Fruit and Produce Association, and Guy H. Ham.

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The Loyal Legion children met with the W. C. T. U. and the Young Women's Branch last evening at the home of Mrs. George F. Lowell at No. 525 Walnut street, Newtonville, to hear a lecture on "Peace" by Mrs. Lowell, who was a member of the committee which visited the peace conference in London last year.

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The Granite Manufacturers' Association of Quincy gathered at the American House last evening for its annual meeting and banquet. The following officers were elected: President, John C. Murray; vice-president, Alfred O. Diack; treasurer, James Joss; secretary, T. J. Dunphy; executive committee, the president, vice-president and treasurer and Joseph Walker, Andrew Johnson, James A. White, Edward D. Marnock, Thomas Bishop and Gaspare Restelli.

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The first concert of the newly formed Winchester Orchestral Society was held in Winchester Town Hall last evening. The orchestra, recently organized by W. H. W. Bicknell, and conducted by John Little of Malden, is made up of forty amateurs from Winchester. The soloist was Mrs. Marie Sundelius.

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The Christmas musicale at Lasell Seminary was held in the gymnasium of the school at Auburndale last evening.

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The Old Belfry Club of Lexington gave its annual dramatic performance last evening. In "A Proposal Under Difficulties," the parts were taken by William Riley, Eugene Kreutzer, Frances S. Locke, Gertrude Smith and George I. Tuttle. Those who appeared in "A Box of Monkeys" were Charles B. Davis, Mr. Libby, Mrs. George Leavitt, Miss Beatrice Stevens and Mrs. Arthur F. Turner.

American's Christmas Gift Contest Closes Saturday; $25 for Winners

My, but the Christmas Editor is a hard worked person these days.

So many letters are pouring in that he has to hustle to keep pace with the mail man. However, every list of suggestions receives careful consideration, and if you have any good ideas you may rest assured they will be published or at least acknowledged in the list of names of those who have sent in the best and most painstaking lists.

The contest will close Saturday at 6 p. m. and the prize winners will be announced in Sunday's BOSTON AMERICAN.

Here is the contest proposition:

Little Bobbie's ma wants your advice about Christmas presents, and the BOSTON AMERICAN is giving away $25 in cash prizes to the persons sending in the best lists of five presents, one each for father, mother, husband, grown-up daughter and little Bobbie, the total cost not to exceed $5.

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Send your suggestions to the Christmas Editor, BOSTON AMERICAN, Boston. Write legibly on one side of the paper only and DO NOT pin your letter sheets together.

Here are some of the best replies:

Remember Personal Tastes.

Christmas Editor:

It strikes me that with a little observation and careful memory that it would be both easy and enjoyable to choose the various gifts for those nearest and dearest to us at this glad Xmas-tide. It is indeed a pleasant surprise to find that the very thing you had longed to own months ago has been remembered by some thoughtful member of the family to add more joy to your heart in offering it as a Xmas gift to you.

There is, say, that dear old-fashioned breakfast set (coffee urn and two cups and saucers) in old Dutch ware, that mother went in ecstacy over when she saw it in a shop window display of some "old period."

Then there is that quaint old rustic chair that father spent so many comfortable hours in under the trees up at "Jones's" house last Summer during the "hot spell."

Then there is that dear little bowl of goldfish so different from others she had seen—for daughter.

Then there is that strikingly odd picture that husband admired in ——'s window, to add to his "growing den."

Of course, little Bobbie would love hosts of things that would please boys of his age, but he never seemed to get over the fun he had last vacation time at "Jimmie Brown's" house with that miniature shooting lodge. He had never seen anything that quite took his fancy as that lodge did. Of course, he will forget to ask Santa to duplicate it—so what could please him more?

All the above articles are reasonable gifts, which any smart shopper can pick up during the early shopping season at a price that is well within the limit of $5, for I have gotten similar articles for a sum close to that and have enough left to add the customary wreath of evergreens and Xmas bell.

MRS. EVELYN MEYERS.
No. 28 Southwood street, Roxbury.

Includes the American.

Christmas Editor:

Suggestions for Bobbie's mother, which I hope she will be pleased with:

Father, one pair of house slippers...$1.00
Mother, one flannelette wrapper... 1.00
Husband, subscription to Boston Daily American (Twentieth century paper) 1.00
Sister, one fancy corset cover... .50
Sister, one pretty tea apron to be made at home. For my pattern it takes one yard of crossbar muslin, twenty-seven inches wide; one yard of beading, three yards of narrow lace, five yards of baby width wash ribbon... .50
Bobbie, one pair skates... .85
One hockey to go with the skates... .15

Total...$5.00

Wishing them all a Merry Christmas,

MISS M. ABBIE WHALEN.
No. 19 Pearl street, Amesbury.

O What a Lot For a V.

Christmas Editor:

I think Bobbie's mother had rather economize and buy useful gifts, so suggest the following:

Father—Pair of slippers, 75c.; necktie, 25c...$1.00
Mother—Four pairs stockings, 50c.; 6 handkerchiefs, 25c.; woolen gloves, 25c... 1.00
Bobbie's Pa—Two linen collars, 30c.; two initial handkerchiefs, 25c.; nine Sunday Americans, 45c... 1.00
Sister—A Phoenix muffler, 50c.; box stationery, 25c.; stamps, 25c... 1.00
Bobbie—A Bible... 1.00

Total...5.00

MRS. C. A. FITZGERALD.
Manchester street, R. F. D. No. 1, Nashua, N. H.

Pockets for Bobbie.

Christmas Editor:

As Bobbie's ma and I are in the same box, we must look for something useful as well as ornamental, and as she is clever with the needle the gifts will be more appreciated because ma made them.

We will begin with dear little Bobbie, because we all love him so:

Three nice warm school blouses with a pocket, or if Bobbie is too small a couple of little Russian suits. Whichever it is, please don't forget the pocket, for what is a boy without a pocket. Either can be made for...$1.00
Papa, two night shirts; can be made for... 1.00
For big sister can be made a shirt waist for... 1.00
And what will bring the smile to dear old mother's face like a nice warm wrapper; they are so easy to slip on mornings, and can also be made for... 1.00
And father—well, I heard him say he was troubled with cold feet this Winter, so when Bobbie is put to bed and papa is reading his AMERICAN evenings I will sit and knit dear old father two pairs of nice warm hose with five skeins Spanish yarn at 20 cents per skein... 1.00

Total...$5.00

As ma is very clever she will know how to make all of these gifts. Wishing Christmas Editor, Bobbie and family a merry Christmas.

MRS. J. O. BEDELL.
No. 28 Heard street, Chelsea.

What's a Fascinator?

Christmas Editor:

"Alas!" said poor little Bobbie's ma,
"I can squeeze only five dollars from pa.
And it is really shocking, shocking.
To do with five dollars my Christmas shopping."
That night the AMERICAN she got,
And all the advertisements sought;
And this is what she finally bought:
For her dear old pa a dollar shirt,
For Bobbie's sister an underskirt,
And for her husband a gold watch fob,
And a pair of skates for little Bob.
Then Bobbie's ma for her mother bought
A fascinator in a bargain lot.
And thus after a time she succeeded
In buying for each one what they needed.

RUTH F. HIATT.
No. 25 High street, Malden.

Strong on Mufflers.

Christmas Editor:

The following are my suggestions:

Father, muffler (50c), tie (50c)...$1.00
Mother, muffler (50c) box of chocolates (50c)...$1.00
Husband, muffler (50c) pr. of suspenders (50c)...$1.00
Daughter, muffler (50c), stationery (50c)...$1.00
Son, muffler (50c), 2 books of adventure (50c)...$1.00

Total...$5.00

MRS. GEORGE RATCLIFFE.
No. 16 Wellington street, Fall River.

Candy for Everybody.

Christmas Editor:

Here is my suggestion to Bobbie's mother for giving Christmas presents.

Mother, heavy flannel dressing sacque...$1.00
Father, felt house slippers... 1.00
Husband, four months' subscription to the Daily Boston American... 1.00
Sister, neat apron for serving tea... .75
Bobby, pocket knife and story book... .75
Also two pounds best Christmas candy to enjoy at the table for everybody... .50

$5.00

Bobby's mother can clip the Household Coupons from the BOSTON AMERICA, when his father gets through with it, thereby making his papa's present of double value.

MRS. A. S. SELYA.
No. 22 Perry street, Brookline.

Has Quite a Little Left.

Christmas Editor:

My advice to Bobbie's ma is as follows:

Mother—Dressing sacque, which can be bought for 49 cents.

Father—Two pairs cashmere stockings, 50 cents; two initial handkerchiefs, 25 cents; total, 75 cents.

Husband—One pair suspenders, 50 cents; three good cigars as a treat for Christmas day, 25 cents; total, 75 cents.

Sister—Bobbie's ma can buy a spool of crocheting cotton for 5 cents, a pretty border, 18; a belt, 49; total, 67 cents.

Bobbie—A pair of rubber boots, $1.50. Total, $4.16.

MRS. REBECCA G. MEKELBURG.
39 Jefferson avenue, Chelsea.

Bobbie's Slate Again.

Christmas Editor:

Hope my suggestions will help relieve Bobbie's Ma's anxiety.

For father, a pipe, 75c., tobacco, 50c...$1.25
For mother, shoulder shawl... 1.00
For hubby, smoking jacket... 1.00
For daughter, kid gloves... 1.00
For son, skates, 65c., new slate, 10c... .75

$5.00

MRS. DELIA HAYES.
No. 15 South High street, Milford, Mass.

Exceptionally Good Luck.

Following are the names of some of the New England women who have sent in exceptionally well-prepared lists, all of which will be duly considered by the Christmas Editor:

Mrs. Hattie Polchia, 15 Common street, Waltham; Sybil Foster, 7½ Charles street, South Framingham; Mae MacNeil, 12 Lawrence street, Woburn; Miss M. E. Burke, 20 Franklin street, Woburn; Mrs. Paul Bishop, 851 Boston street, Lynn; Mrs. M. Miller, 120 Henry street, Cambridge; Annie O'Gorman, 52 Vine street, Lawrence; Miss M. L. Lombard, 63 East River street, Hyde Park.

Mrs. Mary Carruthers, 276 East River street, Hyde Park; Elizabeth Corliss, 78 Wexford street, Brighton; Alfretta Miller, 4 Tucker street, Dorchester; Evelyne E. Berry, 237 Delhi street, Mattapan; Jannett Condlin, 632 Lamartine street, Jamaica Plain; Louise Barretta, 48 Winthrop street, Charlestown; Elizabeth Johnston, 385 Bowdoin street, Dorchester.

Mrs. Hilda Nielsen, 108 Western avenue, Allston; Mary Cullen, 602 Hyde Park avenue, Hyde Park; Mrs. H. G. Russell, 343 Washington street, Haverhill; Mrs. Raymond Dunn, 330 Fourth street, South Boston; Mrs. M. Jennings, 54 Tecla street, Arlington; Mrs. Rose Hurley, 231 Norfolk street, Cambridge; Mrs. Robert Robbins, 70 Jefferson avenue, Everett.

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Mrs. J. O. Bedell, 28 Heard street, Chelsea; Eileen Burke, 86 Washington street, Groveland, Mass.; Mrs. Henry Belanger, 68 Lafayette square, Haverhill; Dorothy Burke, 213 Centre street, South Groveland; Florence Martin, 17½ Marney street, Cambridge; Mrs. Delia Hayes, 15 High street, Milford; Alice Maguire, 86 Washington street, South Groveland; Mrs. M. Mack, Box 462, Holliston; Eleanor Laxton, 539 Western avenue, Lynn; Lucia P. Clark, 294 Salem street, Malden; Nellie MacCarron, 57 Harrison avenue, Woburn.

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STATE STREET NEWS OF INTEREST TO INVESTORS

Speculation has apparently settled for the holiday season.

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As long as the market remains within a narrow zone it will be a trader's affair of taking moderate profits.

$ $ $

Since the decline in the market was owing entirely to Reading, it must necessarily be but temporary. The buying of Steel is impressive and comes from high quarters. Southern Pacific is being absorbed by those who know what the directors intend to do with regard to the dividend. So is Union Pacific. Pennsylvania is purchased most freely by persons identified with the Steel Trust, and they evidently expected a remarkable freight traffic out of Pittsburg.

$ $ $

Reading and Colorado Fuel & Iron are both perpetual scandals in State Street. If the Stock Exchange really wanted to protect innocent investors it would put both of these stocks off the list. Colorado Fuel & Iron as a property is worth the bonds issued against it.

$ $ $

The stock is not worth a dollar a share if the directors have told the truth in their reports. Reading stock is worth at least 300 if the public reports of the directors are true, for a book value of at least that much can be figured out.

$ $ $

Yet these two stocks, the values of which are well known to every banker, are permitted to terrify traders, the one with its high price, the other with its low price. J. P. Morgan would probably find it easier to win public confidence for United States Steel if he would exercise the power that he possesses to force the First National Bank to quit clubbing innocent investors out of their Reading and also force the directors to make a plain statement of assets and a fair division of profits.

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Truth in regard to Reading is that the directors, realizing its great value, seem determined to frighten the last share out of the hands of the public before distributing a bonus, according to plans formulated months ago. It may be true that Reading will get no increased dividend at the next meeting, but if true, that fact only makes the duty of J. P. Morgan and of the New York Stock Exchange more imperative. It is just as wrong to conceal assets as to conceal deficits. The honest stockholder is robbed in both cases.

$ $ $

"Nickel Plate" has every appearance of a stock that is about to get a dividend, although there is no gossip in the street concerning it. It is known that for years "Nickel Plate" has earned a dividend, and this year New York Central needs the money which it would get indirectly through the Lake Shore & Michigan Southern from such a dividend. It may be that this expectation is what caused the advance a few days ago in New York Central. Peoria & Eastern income bonds are to get a payment early next year. Western Maryland will soon be a Vanderbilt issue.

$ $ $

Copper stocks act well and prove by their stability that the merger is progressing favorably. The high-grade copper stocks on the curb substantiated the action of the inside stocks. Ohio was the latest of the really good stocks to move, advancing across 6 on a report that the Utah Copper Company is negotiating for control. Ohio adjoins the Utah and will become a big producer with the new year.

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Reduction by the savings banks of their interest rate from 4 to 3½ per cent will cause withdrawal of many millions of dollars from those institutions for investment in the stock market. A return of 3½ per cent is not enough, and while the public will be justified in attempting to get a fair rate of interest it is to be deplored that inexperienced persons will, by this action of the savings banks, be induced to tempt fortune in the stock market. There is no doubt that the market is going materially higher, but it is a distributing market from now on.

$ $ $

There is perhaps no more scholarly banker in the country than the ex-comptroller. His views on finance are always grounded on a thorough and detailed knowledge of the subject matter. Mr. Lacey expressed the opinion that there would be no easing of the money rate until about the middle of January.

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"But after that whatever ease comes will be very gradual, and I think that throughout the year the rate will remain at an average of 1 per cent. higher than in 1909. Railways are in sore need of equipment and additional facilities—with facilities I include certain necessary expenses. They, with the commercial demands, will keep the premium at a point where bankers will make a good profit."

$ $ $

The shares of the New Baltic Copper Company have been listed on the Boston Curb, in the unqualified department, and will be traded in commencing to-day.

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BOSTON STOCKS.

Following is the range of prices to noon for leading Boston stocks:

	High.	Low.	Noon.
RAILROADS.			
Boston Elevated	130¼	130	130¼
N. Y., N. H. & H.	157½	157½	157½
TELEPHONES.			
American	143	142¾	142¾
MINING STOCKS.			
Adventure	8	8	8
Arcadian	7	7	7
Butte Coalition	29	29	29
Calumet & Arizona	101	101	101
Copper Range	82	82	82
La Salle Copper	16	16	16
Mass	7	7	7
Nevada Con.	27	26¾	26⅞
North Butte	56	55¾	56
Parrot	29	29	29
Trinity	10	10	10
Winona	10	9⅞	10
Wyandotte	2⅞	2⅞	2⅞
MISCELLANEOUS.			
American Pneumatic	7⅞	7⅞	7⅞
Am. Pneumatic pf	21¾	21¾	21¾
Mass. Gas	78¾	78¾	78¾
UNLISTED SECURITIES.			
Amalgamated	87⅝	87	87⅝
Am. Woolen pf	105	105	105
Am. Zinc	38½	38	38
Boston Con	21½	21⅛	21½
Boston & Corbin	21⅞	21⅞	21⅞
Hancock	28½	28	28
Isle Royale	25¼	25⅛	25⅛
Lake Copper	60⅝	60	60⅝
Miami Copper	20½	20	20½
Superior & Boston	17½	16½	17¼
U. S. Coal & Oil	37	37	37
U. S. Smelting	54⅞	54¾	57¾

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TODAY'S STOCK MARKETS; FINANCIAL NEWS

BEAR RAID IN STOCK MARKET

NEW YORK, Dec. 15.—The American Federation of Labor's Pittsburg declaration against the United States Steel Corporation was utilized by the bears at the opening of the stock market to make a drive against Steel common. The price was forced down about one point on opening transactions. Sympathetic weakness developed in the other active industrial issues, and aggressive selling of the railroad list followed.

Reading, which was the weak feature yesterday, was better supported than any of the other issues, and its show of strength aided the other railroads whose stocks soon showed fractional price improvement. Steel subsequently recovered half of its loss.

Speculation was dull and traders were waiting for announcement from Philadelphia of the action taken at the Lehigh Valley and Reading dividend meeting held in that city to-day.

American shares were a trifle higher in London. On the New York curb market the copper shares were slightly lower.

NEW YORK STOCKS.

Following is the range of prices to noon for leading New York stocks:

	High.	Low.	Noon.
RAILROADS.			
Atch., T. & S. F.	121⅞	121½	121⅝
Balt. & Ohio	117⅞	117⅞	117⅞
Brooklyn Rap. Tr.	79⅜	79¼	79¼
Canadian Pacific	179½	179½	179½
Ches. & Ohio	87½	87	87
Chic. Gt. West	21¼	21	21
Chic., M. & St. P.	157	156¾	157
C., C., C. & St. L.	78⅝	78⅝	78⅝
Denver & Rio G.	50	49⅞	50
Erie	34	33⅞	33⅞
Erie 1st pf	50½	50¼	50¼
Gt. Northern pf	144½	143⅞	144⅛
Illinois Central	147¼	147	147¼
Int.-Metropol.	24	23½	23⅝
Int.-Met. pf.	60⅜	59⅞	60⅛
Ks. City So.	44	43¾	43⅞
Louis. & Nash.	153	153	153
Mo., Ks. & Tex.	49⅝	49½	49⅝
Missouri Pac.	72	71⅞	71⅞
N. Y. C. & Hud.	123⅝	123⅛	123¼
N. Y., Ont. & West.	49⅛	49	49
Norfolk & West.	100	100	100
Northern Pac.	146½	146	146
Pennsylvania	135	134⅛	134⅛
Reading	169½	168⅞	169⅛
Rock Island	44⅛	43¾	43¾
Rock Island pfd.	90⅞	90¾	90⅞
Southern Pacific	132¼	131⅝	132⅛
Southern Ry.	32⅝	32¼	32¼
Texas & Pacific	35⅝	35½	35⅝
Union Pacific	202½	202	202⅜
Union Pacific pfd.	103⅛	103⅛	103⅛
Wabash	21	21	21
Wabash pf	57⅛	57	57⅛
INDUSTRIALS AND MISCELLANEOUS.			
Amal. Copper	87⅝	87	87⅜
Am. Ag. Chem.	46⅝	46⅜	46⅜
Am. Car & Fdy.	72	71⅞	71⅞
Am. Cotton Oil	68⅛	68½	68½
Am. Ice Secur.	25	25	25
Amer. Locomo.	60½	60½	60½
Amer. Sm. & R.	101⅝	100⅝	101⅛
Am. Sug. Ref.	123½	123⅛	123⅛
Am. Beet Sug.	47	47	47
Amer. Woolen	37	36	36
Anaconda Cop	49⅞	49⅝	49⅞
Col. Fuel & Iron	52¼	51⅝	51⅛
Con. Gas (N. Y.)	150½	149⅞	150½
Cent. Leather	46½	46¼	46½
Gen. Electric	160	160	160
Northern Ore	81	80¾	80⅝
Pacific Mail	41	39⅞	40
Press. Steel Car	52¼	52	52
People's Gas	114½	114½	114½
Rep. I. & Steel	46¼	46	46
Rep. I. & Steel pf	106⅜	106⅛	106⅜
U. S. Steel	90⅝	90⅛	90⅛
U. S. Steel pf	125⅜	124⅞	124⅞
Utah Copper	60½	59⅞	60⅛
West. Un. Tel	78⅛	78⅛	78⅛
West. El. & Mfg	83⅝	83⅝	83⅝

BOSTON CURB MARKET.

Range of prices from 10 a. m. to 12 m.

Stocks.	High.	Low.	Last.
Boston Ely	3 5-16	3¼	3¼
Boswyocolo	8c	8c	8c
British Col.	7 11-16	7 11-16	7 11-16
Cactus	4 15-16	4⅞	4⅞
Calaveras	4¾	4¼	4¼
Champion	11c	10½c	10½c
Chief	1⅝	1⅝	1⅝
Chino	10¼	10	10
Cobalt Central	26c	26c	26c
Corbin	8⅝	8¼	8⅝
Cons. Ariz.	2 3-16	2 3-16	2 3-16
Davis Daly	5	4 15-16	5
Eclipse Oil	15c	15c	15c
do buyer 30	16c	16c	16c
Ely Consol.	75c	75c	75c
First Nat'l Cop.	6⅝	6⅝	6⅝
Geyser	3½c	3½c	3½c
Humboldt Smelt.	1½	1½	1½
Indiana	6¾	6¾	6¾
Inspiration	8 3-16	7 11-16	8 3-16
Kruger	25c	25c	25c
Live Oak	19	18¾	18¾
Majestic	92c	92c	92c
Mass. Coal	2 7-16	2 5-16	2 5-16
Mines Co. of Am.	56c	55c	56c
Nat'l Exc'ne	54c	54c	54c
Nevada Utah	2⅜	2⅜	2⅜
New Baltic	8½	8¼	8½
Ohio Copper	6⅛	5⅞	5⅞
Oneco	2⅝	2 11-16	2 11-16
Ray Central	2 9-16	2 9-16	2 9-16
[illegible] Gusto	1 3-16	1 3-16	1 3-16
Vulture	8½	8⅜	8⅜
Willet	11c	11c	11c
Yuma	1⅞	1⅞	1⅞

COPPER STOCKS ARE LIFELESS

STATE STREET, Dec. 15.—Copper shares were lifeless this forenoon, although they maintained a firm tone. Superior & Boston was the feature, with a point advance to 17½. Floor traders are said to be working a sort of bob-tailed pool in this stock.

There is no change in the Guggenheim merger plan but it is not believed that Monday's disagreement will upset the ultimate consolidation of the Boston Consolidated and Nevada Consolidated with the Utah Copper Company. A new basis for Nevada Consolidated will have to be agreed upon, however.

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NORTH BUTTE

There was another raid made on North Butte the past week, and as far as getting the price of the stock down is concerned, it has been successful. There may be another tale to tell, however, when it comes to getting stock back. As far as physical conditions at the property are concerned, I am reliably informed that there is nothing to warrant the decline. On the contrary, my information on North Butte is of a favorable character.

The company is opening up good ore bodies. Developments at the 2000 and 2200-foot levels are progressing satisfactorily. While it is true that North Butte has always been hampered by the fact that it has but one shaft, yet its friendly working arrangements with its neighbors preclude the possibility of any trouble from this source. In addition a second shaft is being sunk which next year will make it possible to hoist ore through it.

North Butte has been made a football periodically during the past six months. It has been kicked around so that the conservative investing public will not touch it. Its present disbursements quarterly make it attractive, but of course its penchant for wide fluctuation is not liked.

At the present time there is little actual North Butte stock available. The raid the past week, for such it is generally believed to be, has been successful so far as it has been carried. I believe that it affords an excellent opportunity to pick up some of the stock at attractive prices. While it may be that the price may recede further, yet the rebound will be rapid. Purchases of the stock should be made on a scale down, and good profits promise to accrue within a very few weeks.

North Butte is far from being a worked out proposition, and has years ahead of it, during which dividends will be earned and paid.

December 14, 1909.

Joseph H. Cody
55 Congress St., Boston.

CALIFORNIA OIL STOCKS
By Special Wire

Latest quotations by wire from the Lincoln Mortgage & Loan Company, specialists in listed dividend paying stocks:

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Amalga.	..	70.00	New Penn	.76	..
Am. Pt.pf	92.00	100.00	Olinda	.33	..
Am.pf com	76.00	78.50	Palmer	.95	.96
Ass'd Oil	52.75	53.00	Paraffine	1.10	..
Bay City	1.70	..	Persons	.24	.25
Brookshire	..	1.00	Piedmont	.16	.20
Caribou	15.00	15.50	Pinal	6.50	9.25
Central	1.34	1.40	Record	4.00	5.00
Claremont	1.95	..	Rice Ranch	..	1.16
Columbia	1.22	1.27	Rico	2.10	..
Conti'ntal	.35	.40	S.F.&M.K.	27.00	..
Eldorado	..	.25	Sauer Do'h	..	3.00
Esperanza	1.70	2.00	Sec. Six	.59	..
Euclid	.30	.40	Section 25	10.50	24.00
Four Oil	.38	.40	Sesnon	8.00	..
Fullerton	2.60	3.05	Shawmut	.40	.50
Ill Crude	.49	.50	S. W. & B	..	.70
Imperial	..	32.00	Sterling	3.65	3.75
Lucile	..	15.00	Traders	11.50	..
Linda Vi'a	.25	..	Turner	.65	..
McKittrick	.10	..	Union	104.00	104.50
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MexPt.com	..	26.87	W. Coast	0.00	..

Orders by mail or wire promptly executed; our weekly market letter free upon request. The day of present prices for Section Six stock is nearly past. Just watch the stock soon after Christmas. We predict that one well on the famous Section Six of Coalinga, on the company's property, will send the stock much higher. Buy Illinois Crude, Section Six, S. W. & B. and Four. LINCOLN MORTGAGE & LOAN COMPANY, 106 Geary street, San Francisco, Calif.

LOST AND FOUND

MIRABAU MUFF lost on Summer st., near South, Monday p. m., Dec. 13; finder will be rewarded by returning same to 31 Tonawanda st., Dorchester.

LOST—Gold watch with old-fashioned chain, with two balls attached; monogram on front, C. V. G. Finder please return to 16 Hoyle st., Norwood, Mass. Reward.

LOST—A purse containing about $12 in Houghton & Dutton's store, Monday, at 5 p. m. Please return to MISS LAURETTA A., 307 Lamartine st., Jamaica Plain, and receive reward.

LOST—Pearl handle knife, J. R. WHITE, Boston, on one side, and two fraternal emblems on the other; return same to 65 E. Lenox st. and receive reward.

LOST—Tuesday afternoon, collarless brindle French bull dog, finder generously rewarded. P 143, Boston American.

LOST—Pocketbook somewhere on car leaving Newton, 8:45 Friday morning, Dec. 10. Box 1550, Boston, Mass.

Printing.

ASK FOR MR. SCOTT, RM. 40.

SEND 2c. for superb sample cards, 10c. per 100 up; other printing at your own fair price; you can't beat that. SCOTT, rm. 40, 3 Tremont Row.

LOWEST PRICES for printing in Boston. UN. PRINT CO., 3 Tremont row, Boston; bring this ad.

Information Wanted.

WANTED 3 HAIRS FROM YOUR HEAD

SEND 3 HAIRS for chemical analysis and stop it from falling; write or call. BYRON EFFORD, Specialist, 194 Boylston st.

MISSING PERSONS LOCATED.

INVESTIGATIONS MADE; reliable information secured for legal or private purposes; low rates. T. H., P. O. Box 42, Fenway station, Boston. Tel.

LOOKING for a widow; her name is Mrs. Smight. If any one knows where she is, drop a line to F. W. HAMMEL, 82 Waltham st., city.

Special Announcements.

Union TRY THIS CIGAR Made

BOSTON SMOKER

Made from choicest selected zimmer Spanish tobacco and made with painstaking care.

BUY ONE TODAY 5c.

CASINO ROLLER SKATING RINK, 828 Shawmut av., cor. Roxbury st.; take car to Dudley st. terminal. Admission 10 cents.

BOARD AND ROOM before and during confinement. 848 Fifth st., South Boston, MATRON BROWN.

CONFINEMENTS taken in home of physician. Address H 368, Boston American.

CONFINEMENTS taken care of at home of physician. P 144, Boston American.

1,000 BUS. CARDS, $1; rubber stamps; all kinds printing. BRIEF PRESS, 81 Leverett st.

Male Help Wanted.

EARN $10 TO $15 a week during spare time; we, as manufacturers, start you and furnish everything; no canvassing; 3 simple, successful mail order plans to keep our factories busy; we coach you and show you how to get business; you pay us in 3 months and make big profits; spare time to start; write today for positive proof. PEASE MFG. CO., 523 Pease bldg., Buffalo, N. Y.

FIVE HUNDRED strong young men wanted immediately for firemen or brakemen on nearby railroads; good vision; account increasing business; 1,000 men sent to positions last three months; $75-$100 monthly; promotion. Address, stating age, weight, height; send stamp. RAILWAY ASSOCIATION, Z 363, Boston American.

HONEST, SOBER SALESMEN to represent us permanently; excellent opening, experience unnecessary, salary or commission weekly; references. NORTH JERSEY NURSERIES, Newark, N. J.

HONEST, willing men wanted for clerks in lodging houses; must be willing to work; call between 9 and 11 a. m. LYONS, 120 Eliot st.

IRON AND BRASS MOULDERS. FORE RIVER SHIPBUILDING CO., Quincy, Mass.

RAILWAY MAIL CLERKS, custom employes, wanted—Spring examinations everywhere; commencement salary $800; rapid advancement to $1,400 or $1,500; candidates prepared free. FRANKLIN INSTITUTE, Dept. 138 J, Rochester, N. Y.

WANTED—Able-bodied men for the U. S. Marine Corps, between the ages of 19 and 35; must be native born or have first papers; monthly pay $15 to $69; additional compensation possible; food, clothing, quarters and medical attendance free; after 30 years' service can retire with 75 per cent. of pay and allowances; service on board ship and ashore in all parts of the world. Apply at 98 Court st., Boston, Mass.

WANTED—Experienced streader man competent to take charge of streader room. Apply CLIFTON MFG. CO., 95 Brookside av., Jamaica Plain.

WANTED—About 10 experienced automobile tire makers. Apply mornings this week from 8 to 9 a. m., REVERE RUBBER CO., Chelsea, Mass.

Male Miscellaneous.

LEARN TO BE A CHAUFFEUR.

THE MOST thorough course in Boston; competent instructors in repair shop and on road; we are especially equipped for teaching; look up our record for securing licenses before going elsewhere. S. C. BONNEY, 45 Stanhope st., day or evening classes.

TOBACCO TAGS.

CERTIFICATES—We will pay cash or exchange for smokers' articles or trading stamps. Come personally to H. ROBBINS & CO., 3 Causeway st., Boston; the Yellow Store.

A—$20 A WEEK running picture machine; we will teach you; call or write; open evenings. REID'S BUREAU, 180 Tremont st.

ASK me how you can start a profitable mail order business at home evenings. HEACOCK, Lockport, N. Y.

GENTLEMAN wanted for light, profitable work which may be done at home. Apply by letter only. Room 9, 9 Hamilton pl.

GOODYEAR welting, rounding, stitching, $75; cutting, vamping, edge trimming, setting, $35; buffing, slugging, stock fitting, $15; plenty practice; board while learning. BROWN'S SHOE SCHOOL, 411 Union st., Lynn.

LEARN moving picture operating; call or write. EMPIRE EXCHANGE, 3 Tremont row.

MEN WANTED to learn to drive and repair automobiles in my repair shop; day and evening instruction; call or send stamp for particulars. J. G. REED, 589 Tremont st., Boston.

PRIVATE INSTRUCTION polishes English; short cuts arithmetic; increases your pay. P 140, Boston American.

TELEGRAPHY taught by experts, day or evening, at BOSTON SCHOOL OF TELEGRAPHY, 18 Boylston st., Boston, Mass.

10 MEN wanted to learn to repair and drive automobiles. EASTERN AUTOMOBILE EXCHANGE, 42 Warren av.

Male Situations Wanted.

A FIRST-CLASS A1 sign painter, paints all kinds of signs in your own establishment at very reasonable charge; sale and bargain signs a specialty; send postal with particulars and will call. M. BROWN, 84 Leverett st., city.

AMERICAN BOY, 14, would like a good home where he can help earn board and go to school. B. PURINGTON, Gen. Del., Fenway station, Boston.

A YOUNG BOY, 19 years of age, speaks English, wants position; any kind job. Apply to ATHAN K. KYRIACOULER, 420 Tremont st., city.

ALL-ROUND COOK, makes excellent pastry, rolls; good meat and order cook; temperate, economical. 58 Warrenton st., cor. Tremont.

BY A POLISH MAN, strong, honest and good worker, in a restaurant, factory, farm or any other work. Understands English and good references. E 147, Boston American.

CHAUFFEUR would like position on gasolene car, sliding gear; honest and temperate; shop experience. Address C. W. GREENLEAF, 5 Arborway court, Forest Hills, Mass. Suite 4.

COLORED MAN would like position as porter in hotel, restaurant, private family, boarding house; night work, days or any other position. Address W. LOWE, 21 Kendall st., Roxbury.

CARPENTER and painter, young man, good workman, would like job with real estate man or any person with plenty of work, for reasonable pay. P 479, Boston American.

COLORED MAN wishes position as elevator runner or porter, will go out of town. W. A. LINDO, 188 Northampton st., Roxbury, Mass.

COLORED BOY, 17, work any kind, preferably elevator or restaurant, speaks Italian, Spanish and some French. JOHN DE ROSA, 79 Shawmut av.

CARPENTER wants work by day or job, good workman, reliable. A., Box 46, South Boston.

EXPERIENCED MAN would like a position as butler, janitor or porter; thoroughly understands hotel work. Apply to J. R., 12 Harwich st., Suite 3.

ENGINEER—Third-class license, wants position as assistant engineer, best references. Address N. PLIKAS, 37 Warren av., city.

ENGINEER—First-class, would like position; temperate and reliable. P 464, Boston American.

FIREMAN, first-class, wants position, strictly temperate, refrigerating exp., Abs system, ref. Address J. C. SMITH, 100 Bennington st., East Boston.

FIREMAN—Second-class, wants work, strictly temperate; steady job preferred. C. D., 184 Sumner st., East Boston.

GREENHOUSE work wanted by a middle-aged American, good habits. Address No. 2, 386 Newbury st., Boston.

HOUSEMAN, COL., Jamaican, care of rugs, carpets, etc., hard worker, Back Bay hotel references. 133 Dartmouth st.

JOB COMPOSITOR would like a position; strictly temperate. JAMES SMITH, 756 Fifth st., South Boston, Mass.

MIDDLE-AGED MAN, experienced salesman, shoes and bakery, wants situation; excellent references; will take any steady situation. L 410, Boston American.

POSITION by strictly temperate man, 16 years' experience in fancy groceries and provisions. Address 143 W. Canton st., city.

PAINTER has staging, brushes, etc., wants work. T. F. K., 548 Mass. av., City.

WANTED—By mechanic, work of any kind; would like general repair work in hardware store, janitor or watchman. S., 100 Cushing st., Waltham, Mass.

WANTED—Position as manager or salesman by honest and reliable man, 35, indoor preferred. 11 Athenstone st., Dorchester Centre.

WANT POSITION as waiter, porter, bellboy, in store, restaurant or saloon; colored. F. B. A., 26 Holyoke st.

YOUNG COLORED MAN would like position as lumper on a furniture team or work in a furniture store; would like any kind of work around a stable or horse; thoroughly understands moving of furniture, putting down carpets, etc. JAMES C. BRANNON, 495 Green st., Cambridge, suite 1.

YOUNG MAN, sober and industrious, experienced order clerk, shipper and salesman, wants position, grocery line preferred. Write C 431, Boston American.

YOUNG MAN about 30 years of age, wants position as collector; best of reference. Z 493, Boston American.

Agents and Canvassers.

OH, YOU LIVE ONES!

WE HAVE something you can sell; send 10c. for samples. HOBBS SUPPLY CO., Worcester, Mass.

AGENTS, ATTENTION.

AGENTS WANTED for fine line imported assorted calendars; send 10c for sample. SMARDON NOVELTY CO., 2 Park sq., Boston, Mass.

AGENTS—Write the Western New York Nurseries, Rochester, N. Y., for one of the best selling propositions ever offered. Splendid opportunity for live men who are interested.

Agents and Canvassers.

ASK ME how you can start a profitable mail order business at home evenings. HEACOCK, 732, Lockport, N. Y.

AGENTS make money every day, while building up a permanent income; our new monthly policy of accident, health and death insurance is a winner. A., Box 3455, Boston.

AGENTS—We have just received 100 gross of the new spiral curtain rods; send 10c for sample and particulars. SMARDEN NOVELTY CO.

A FEW CANVASSERS wanted to sell soap from a wagon. Apply 441 Tremont st., 7 a. m. CHARLES BRANCH.

R. D. ABSORBINE DUSTER—Fast seller, big commissions; write or call for particulars. SMARDON NOVELTY CO., 2 Park sq.

BIG COMMISSIONS made selling the fastest seller on the market; call or write for particulars. CRANE HEEL CO., 28 School st., rm. 68.

CIGAR SALESMAN—In your locality to represent us; experience unnecessary; $110 per mo. and expenses; write us for particulars. MONARCH CIGAR CO., St. Louis.

Female Help Wanted.

EXPERIENCED stitchers, also finishers, wanted on silk waists. THE ARTISTIC WAIST CO., 127 Summer st.

GIRL—14 years, general work in dressmaking est.; $2 start; permanent. 19 Blue Hill av.

GIRL WANTED for general kitchen work. Apply at 873 Second st., South Boston.

HOUSEKEEPER for family of 6 youngest 14 yrs., middle-aged Am. preferred. Z 469, Boston American.

LADY wanted for light, artistic work, which may be done at home. Apply by letter only. No. 9 Hamilton pl., room 10.

WANTED—Girls who can play harmonica. Call at 1100 Wash. st., Monday morning. A. VOGEL.

WANTED—Pupils in drawing; 12 lessons and material, $15; I teach so that you can teach; to apt pupils I give oil lessons second term; with my method you can do your own pictures; no one that is bright and smart having a taste for drawing and painting need want for money. MLLE. INAH, tel. 2337-4 Brookline.

WANTED—Two good fancy woolen weavers. VASSALBORO MILLS, No. Vassalboro, Me.

Female Miscellaneous.

DR. CUTLER
STEPHANIE J. ZOLLER

SPECIALISTS in making and keeping women young. All kinds of electrical treatments. Oxygen scalp and facial treatments. Shampooing. Why look and feel old? Tel. Oxford 643-2. 140 Boylston st.

YOUNG LADIES WANTED AT ONCE

We have a few openings for young ladies to learn dressmaking and millinery if application is made this week. $5 starts you. Individual instruction. Day and evening school. Call or write for complete circular.

McDOWELL'S SCHOOL
Of Dressmaking and Millinery
25 Winter St., Boston, Mass.

THE BROADWAY CO., 96 Broadway, So. Boston—Large assortment of street, party and evening dresses, slightly worn; also opera coats, cloaks, skirts, waists and all kinds of women's and misses' wearing apparel at low prices.

WE MAKE suits for $5 and up; this year we made over 1,000 ladies' suits, and every lady was pleased. 15 Avon st., opposite Jordan Marsh. M. GOLDBERG.

Female Situations Wanted.

A CAPABLE WOMAN who thoroughly understands dressmaking would like sewing of any kind; will do remodeling or any kind of plain sewing, such as lingerie or children's clothes; fancy and tailored gowns reasonably made. MRS. R. T. PAIGE, 37 Magee st., Cambridge.

A1 LAUNDRESS would like family or single washings; good work reasonably done; will take work from city or suburbs; called for and delivered. MRS. TAYLOR, 20 Flagg st., Cambridge. Tel. 2779-4 Cambridge.

A CAPABLE LADY would like home laundry work; will call and deliver family washings in Boston and vicinity; price reasonable; send postal. MRS. ANNIE A. HARRIS, 794 Main st., Cambridge; tel. 1835-2.

A POSITION wanted to go out by the day as seamstress or as housekeeper; can furnish excellent references; price by the day $1 and car fare. Apply to 499 Columbus av., telephone 1118-4 Tremont.

A LADY of experience would like laundry work and plain sewing to do at home; reliable and capable. MRS. TAYLOR, 68 Brookline st., Cambridge.

A FIRST-CLASS SEWING machine repairer repairs your machine, any make, at your own home for reasonable charge; send postal and will call. M. BERMAN, 224 Cambridge st.

A FIRST-CLASS American laundress desires laundry work at home; excellent work; reasonable charges, send postal and will call. MRS. GARNETT, 217 Cambridge st., Boston.

A CAPABLE LADY would like day's work or laundry to do at home; will go anywhere. MRS. BETTY WARD, 142 Harvard st., Cambridge.

A RELIABLE col. woman wants day work in or out city; Monday, Thursday, Friday. A. D., 15 Northfield st., Rox.

A THOROUGH WORKER wants work Wed., Thurs. and Fri. in family or institution. MRS. E. D., 9 Pelham st.

AN AMERICAN LADY with child, 3½, wants position as housekeeper for widower's family. Address C. E., Walpole, Mass. R. F. D. Box 109.

AN EXPERIENCED colored laundress would like washing and ironing to do at home; all details carefully looked after. Call or write to MRS. BAILEY, 5 Grove st.

AN EXPERIENCED young woman would like laundry work to take home from city or suburbs; outdoor drying; reasonable. MRS. MIDDLETON, suite 18, 798 Main st., Cambridge.

A GOOD, HONEST WOMAN wants work by the day, washing or office cleaning. K. E. L., 1489 Washington st., room 20.

BACK BAY—Engagements wanted in dressmaking and millinery; everything up to date; also teacher of dress cutting. MADAM KOOPER, 11 Vancouver st.

COL. WOMAN would like day's work, laundry or chamber work; go home nights. Call or write 19 Piedmont st., city. S. WOOLEY.

COMPETENT WOMAN wants laundry work to do at home; neat and experienced. M. B., 2 Burbank st.

CAPABLE Norwegian girl, excellent cook and laundress; good references. 23A Blue Hill av. Tel. 861-1 Roxbury.

COL. GIRL would like day's work in laundry, or laundry to take home; in or out of town; call or write. C. B. 110 Lenox st., Roxbury.

COLORED GIRL for morning work, care of apartments or waitress in a club. Address MISS E. H., 239 West Canton st.

COLORED WOMAN would like days' work or laundry to take home; good references. MRS. H. WATTS, 29 Camden st., Roxbury.

COLORED LADY wants washing to take home; good fancy washing and ironing; good references. Apply L. HALL, 32 Phillips st., 1 flight, West End.

CAPABLE GIRL wants situation, general housework; best references. 272 Dudley st. Tel 232 Rox.

DRESSMAKER, competent to cut, fit and design; will go out by day, or take work home; terms $2 and car fare. 218 Columbus av., suite 7.

DRESSMAKING by the day or hour, city or suburbs. MRS. K. E. MYERS, 676 Shawmut av.

EXPERIENCED colored seamstress would like plain sewing, children's clothes a specialty; would like a position as maid or care of lady's apartment, combined with sewing by the day. Apply by mail or telephone A. D., 78 Magee st., Cambridge, suite 2; tel. Camb. 2700-1.

EXPERIENCED LAUNDRESS wants work to take home. MRS. E. F. M., 36 Holyoke st., Boston. Mass.

FIRST-CLASS colored woman would like any kind of domestic work by the day, or laundry work to take home. Apply S. P. C., 12 Harwich st., top floor.

GOWNS REMODELED; plain sewing done, or up-to-date costumes made; much attention given to children's clothes; thoroughly experienced. MRS. S. E. BISHOP, 1,096 Mass. av., Cambridge.

HOUSEKEEPER'S position by veteran's young widow in temperate gentleman's good home; none others need write. MRS. S. P. MARTIN, Hudson, N. H., Box 107.

HOUSEKEEPER'S position wanted by refined American lady, 40, in widower's small family, or alone; wages $3, city or country. MRS. A. MOOR, Back Bay P. O., Gen. Del., Boston.

HONEST reliable woman wants work, to go out by the hour or day. MRS. J. D., 810 Tremont st., Roxbury.

LAUNDRY wanted to take home. MRS. V. F. BLACKWELL, 8 Burbank st., near Back Bay Station.

NEAT colored woman would like laundry work from single persons, married couples or light family washings. Write or call MRS. J. DORSEY, 100 Brookline st., Cambridge, suite 2.

POSITION as housekeeper by capable, trustworthy American, for 1 or 2 persons, no objection to country, reasonable wages for pleasant, comfortable home. H. M. RICHARDS, 27 Park st., Dorchester.

P. E. ISLAND GIRL wants position, general housework, good cook and laundress; best of references. 92 Vernon st.; tel. 1537-2 Roxbury.

RELIABLE colored woman would like Tuesday and Saturday work. Thoroughly experienced and will do either laundry work, sweeping and dusting or general work. Best of references. W 410, Boston American.

RESPECTABLE colored girl would like Mondays and Wednesdays, washing and ironing; also washing and ironing to take home. G. GOODRIDGE, 12 Kendall st., Rox.

SEAMSTRESS would like any kind of sewing; engagements by the day or week with private family; reliable. Write or apply to A. E. D., 3 Emily st., Cambridge, off Brookline st.

WIDOW, 35, accustomed to pleasant surroundings, seeks position in reliable American widower's neat, refined home; school convenient for daughter, 12; kindly write full particulars. C., 444 Main st., Haverhill, Mass.

WANTED—By a competent American woman a place to keep house for a widower or bachelor in a city place. Please answer direct to MRS. L. R. 6 Maple st., Hallowell, Me.

WORK by the day or hour washing or cleaning. MRS. NORA CAREY, 937 Harrison av., Roxbury, Mass.

WOMAN wants work by the day or hour; is an excellent worker; 15c an hour. 92 Vernon st.; tel. 1537-2 Roxbury.

WANTED—Day's work or laundry work to take home; thoroughly experienced and capable; will go anywhere. 101 Brookline st., Cambridge.

Female Situations Wanted.

WANTED work by the hour, cleaning of any kind. Apply to 104 West Canton st., city.

WOMAN—Good cook, for general housework. 149 Northampton st.

YOUNG WOMAN, somewhat acquainted with bookkeeping and a little knowledge of stenography, would like office work; wouldn't object to care of office also; would take other day work. EDITH FRANCES, 72 Magee st., Cambridge, Suite 2.

YOUNG colored woman would like janitor's work, care of apartments, cleaning, or any kind of morning work. Apply SADIE A. GRANT, 9 Blossom ct., top floor.

YOUNG, STRONG Nova Scotia girl wants housework. 204 Tremont st., 1452-1 Ox.

XMAS DOLLS, dressed to order throughout, $1 up; plain sewing and remodeling neatly done; shirt waist suits especially; take work home or go out by the day, $1.50 and carfare. MRS. WILLIAM TOMPKINS, 42 Falmouth st., suite 1.

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VISITORS TO BOSTON

TAKE ROOMS at Hotel Waterston, cor. Bowdoin st. and Bulfinch pl., over hill from State House, or 3 minutes from Scollay sq.; rooms only; clean, quiet, h. and c. water, baths, elevators, $1 day double; 50c., 75c. single; $2 to $4.50 weekly.

A LARGE ROOM, range and sink room, separate entrance, complete for housekeeping. Apply at 46 Circuit st., near Dudley terminal.

AT 20 FOUNTAIN St., Rox.—2 furnished rooms, all improvements, $3 weekly; near Dudley t.

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AT 113 WARREN ST., Roxbury—Furnished room, private family, heat, hot, cold water.

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APPLETON ST., No. 52—Traveling people can have well-cared-for rooms by the day or week.

ATTRACTIVE, well fur., desirable side room, 1 flight front, bath floor, heated. 681 Mass. av.

BEAUTIFUL ALCOVE, square and side rooms, steam heat, nicely fur., h. and c. water. 719A Tremont st.

CLEAN front sq., 1 flight; also pleasant front sq., conv., nicely fur. 739 Tremont st.

CONNECTING ROOMS, gas range, sink, $4; side room, $1.50. 63 West Newton st. Telephone.

CHANDLER ST., 54—Well fur. side and sq. rooms; handy to cars; h. and c. water, conv.

DARTMOUTH ST., 17—Attractive sunny front square rooms and side rooms; every modern improvement; well heated.

HOMELIKE, attractive steam-heated rooms, $2, $3, $4 central, open plumbing, shower bath, continuous hot water; telephone. 37 W. Newton st.

HOUSEKEEPING—Square room, $2.50; front parlor, use of kitchen, $4. 79 Waltham st.

NEAT, well fur. pleasant rooms, all conv., well heated, at 7 Upton st.

NICE SQUARE ROOM in private family, to quiet man, $1.50 wk. 27 Pembroke st., city.

NICELY furnished sq. rooms, all imp., handy to cars; reasonable. 332 Shawmut av.

NICELY furnished, large, pleasant sq. room, large closet; reasonable. 139 Mass. av., Cambridge.

THREE furnished rooms for light housekeeping in private family. 810 Tremont st.

TO LET—Furnished suite three rooms, complete for housekeeping. Apply 995 Washington st; janitor's bell.

YOUNG COUPLE have 2 sq. rooms to let; rent cheap to nice people; 3 minutes to Dudley st., Rox. P 145, Boston American.

44 EAST NEWTON ST.—Room and board, $6 per week; men.

211 W. SPRINGFIELD ST.—Pleasant, nicely fur. side rooms, $1.50 and $2.

206 W. SPRINGFIELD ST.—Newly replenished rooms, rents $4 to $2; fine location; dining room, excellent home cooking.

Rooms to Let—Back Bay.

ROOMS—Single or en suite, centrally located; also housekeeping arrangements; individual baths and telephone; fur. or unfur.; reasonable rates. Apply 60 Batavia st., near Symphony Hall.

Board and Rooms.

AT 24 UNION PK.—Best table board in city; 21 meals, $4; single meals, 25c.

BOARDERS WANTED—Comfortable rooms, home cooking, $5. 817 Broadway, South Boston.

For Sale—Miscellaneous.

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MAKE WAY for the subway; our Main st. branch lumber yard taken for Kendall sq. station; buyers' opportunity; over 2,000,000 lumber and shingles must be moved before Dec. 25; obliged to sell; prices cut to ice; extra shingles $4, clears $3.50, cottage $3, clapboards, planed hemlock boards $16, scantling and plank $18. WM. H. WOOD LUMBER CO., Kendall sq., Cambridge.

Good, Clean, Building Lumber
$12 TO $17 PER M.

ROUGH OR PLANED, suitable for building, crating, etc. M. JUDD & SON, 524 Rutherford av., Charlestown.

Furniture.

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CARPETS, STOVES, desks, etc., bought for cash. A. LOWENSTEIN & SONS, Inc., 1,280 Washington st.

PARTIES having furniture, carpets and general merchandise to dispose of can find a cash buyer for same by applying to A. B. CLOUGH, 42 and 44 Eliot st.; tel. 2733 Oxford.

WANTED—Will buy all kind of second-hand furniture, feather beds or anything that can be sold in an auction room. HINES, 9 Beech st., North Cambridge.

WE BUY all kinds of furniture; no lot too small or large; highest cash paid. I. SPECTOR, 319 Harrison av.

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HIGHEST CASH PRICES paid for all kinds of furniture and merchandise. Call on J. SWETT, 81 N. Washington st.; tel. 1862-2 Richmond.

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BY MAURICE PRICE & CO., Auctioneers, 210 Cambridge st., Boston. On Wed., Thur., Fri. and Sat., Dec. 15, 16, 17, 18 at 6:30 p. m. sharp, auction sale of 35 carpets and squares and 25 rugs just received from the Observatory at Washington, D. C.; also large consignment of 100 men's and boys' overcoats; 60 men's winter suits and pants; 50 doz. men's outside shirts; 40 doz. men's fleece lined shirts and drawers; men's working shirts; six pairs Irish point and Ecru lace curtains and a large quantity of jewelry; without the slightest reserve.

Barter and Exchange.

BOOKS wanted for cash; Stoddard Lectures, Century Dictionary, New International Encyclopedia, Burton Holmes' Lectures, Mrs. Eddy's Science and Health, Christian Science Journals, Appleton's Science Library, Standard sets, Autograph Letters, Manuscripts, Advanced Foreign and American Postage or Revenue Stamp Collections and complete general libraries in any number of volumes; cash paid on the spot and books packed and shipped at our expense from any part of New England; correspondence invited. WILLIAMS'S BOOK STORE, Worcester, Mass.

SCOTCH COLLIE BITCH, registered, with pups, kind about children, will exchange for poultry or what; also violin and outfit for camera, or for sale cheap. P. O. Box 191, Dennis Port, Mass.

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PRINTING exchanged or done at low prices. Y 455, Boston American.

Automobiles.

FOR SALE.

SMALL inside driven Franklin brougham for Winter weather, excellent condition; will sacrifice to sell quickly. FRANKLIN AUTO CO., 671 Boylston st. Phone 1020 B. B.

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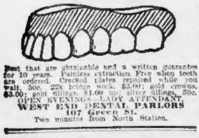

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Soldiers Made Insane by Hypocrisy and Ignorance

And Many Made Hopeless Drunkards by the Same Agencies

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A car filled with crazy soldiers has just crossed the continent from San Francisco to Washington, in charge of Major J. M. Kennedy. Of these unhappy insane men a majority will spend their days in a government insane asylum, and, in nine cases out of ten, this is due to the rank hypocrisy of Congress, the ignorance and bigotted fanaticism of prohibitionists that have succeeded in abolishing the army canteen.

All of these insane soldiers are brought from the Philippines, and their insanity, as Major Kennedy says, is due to their drinking of the vile, poisonous, highly alcoholic drink called "bino," loaded with the vilest alcohol and full of other poisons. The men drink this dreadful stuff and become insane, because ignorant prohibitionists have persuaded a hypocritical Congress to abolish the army canteen. President Taft knows that is true. Every member of Congress **KNOWS** that it is true. But the Congressman fears the much exaggerated voting power of the prohibitionist, whereas he has nothing to fear from that carload of crazy soldiers, enlisted to serve their country and then made victims of stupid, hypocritical fanaticism.

When the soldiers had their canteen they were content, and they were, as a whole, a remarkably sober body of men.

No strong drink could be served in the canteen, and the men did not wander off to the whiskey dive or craze themselves with vile native drink.

The man in charge of the canteen ranked as a non-commissioned officer. He allowed no man to drink to excess. Any soldier showing any sign of intoxication was ordered to go to bed, and he **WENT**—and the next day he was glad that he had been at the soldiers' club and been made to obey the rules of decency.

No man made a penny out of the canteen. Every cent taken in over and above expenses was devoted to providing delicacies—non-alcoholic—for the soldiers.

To-day in the dives that surround army posts, old soldiers' homes and every other place where hypocrisy rules in the name of temperance, the soldiers and the old veterans are made the victims of sharks. They must drink vile poisons or change a life-long habit and drink nothing.

Meanwhile the hypocrites in Congress who voted against the right of the soldiers to have their canteen drink as much as they choose, and **WHEN** they choose, and not a few of the ardent advocates of canteen abolition outside of Congress do the same.

This situation is disgraceful to the country, a sample of puritanical hypocrisy that should be tolerated no longer. Men content to drink mild beer or light wines are forbidden to do that in the name of temperance, and then in the name of temperance and hypocrisy they are driven to the dive and to the vilest alcoholic poisons as a substitute for the truly temperate canteen.

Every officer in the army testifies that this is true. General Fred Grant, himself an ardent prohibitionist, who marched in full uniform at the head of a prohibition parade, declares that the abolition of the canteen has vastily increased drunkenness in the army. Every army doctor knows that the abolition of the canteen has increased disease—the hospital record of our American army is to-day the **WORST OF ANY ARMY IN THE WORLD.**

How does that strike the men that would force their minority views on a majority, play upon the hypocritical subserviency of Congress, and, saying to men, "You shall not have temperate light drinks in your army club," force them to take instead the vile whiskey of the dive here at home, or the viler native alcoholic poison in the Philippines?

Mr. Taft has shown courage to say what he thinks. Will he protect the soldiers against this cowardly outrage? Newspaper editors, every man of them knowing well that this is true, should explain to their several Congressmen that hypocrisy in the long run does not pay. And sane, independent men in Congress should fight against the cowardly evasion of duty. The canteen **WILL BE RESTORED**, and the army will not be permanently organized for the benefit of dive keepers. What man at Washington will make it his business to see to this?

Women, Won't You Please Button Your Dresses in Front?

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Readers, do you realize that at this moment there are a million women twisting their backbones out of shape, and tying themselves in bow knots, trying to button or hook their dresses up the back?

Do you realize that there are a million husbands slowly but surely becoming estranged from their wives, as their fingers slip and the hours go by, and the hooks get into the wrong eyes?

Nothing more foolish than this buttoning of dresses up the back could possibly be imagined. There is no reason in it, no sense in it, no necessity. If the thing had been invented by some malign suffragette, determined to punish man, we could understand it.

But, as a matter of fact, it is merely the invention of dull vanity and foolish fashion.

A woman looks at herself in the glass and she thinks only about the front side. She wants that smooth and straight and beautiful, and the dressmaker, to please her, puts the hooks and eyes and buttons out of sight in the rear.

It is all right for a few foolish rich women, who have plenty of time and money to spare, each one wasting the time of some maid better, perhaps, than herself.

If only the foolish class had the "hook-up-behind" dresses, no harm would be done.

But the poor little working girl, who gets up in the dark, must fret trying to reach with her cold fingers the hooks and eyes on her dress, that imitates fashion.

And the hardworking man must educate over again his thick thumbs and fingers, trying to hook up that dress.

Millions of hours wasted every day for nothing! And millions of curses wasted! And millions upon millions of breathings of discontent behind the backs of poor, silly wives trying to be fashionable!

That distinguished citizen of Philadelphia, Mr. Bok, who has don a great deal of useful work while some fools have made fun of him started out to establish American fashions for American women.

May he succeed, and may he, first of all, become the father of great, urgent reform, and give us the "button-down-the-front" dress

Woman, be courageous. Be true to yourself and your poor hus band, who has crouched for so many hours.

Put the buttons down the front. Or, if vanity won't let you d that, put them over one one side, at least, where you can reach them.

If you have husbands to punish, punish them in some othe way. In fact, they are punished enough already! For every sig drawn from you by their bad conduct, they have paid back ten time over, in sighing and fighting with the hooks and eyes.

Can You Blame Him?

By C. H. WELLINGTON

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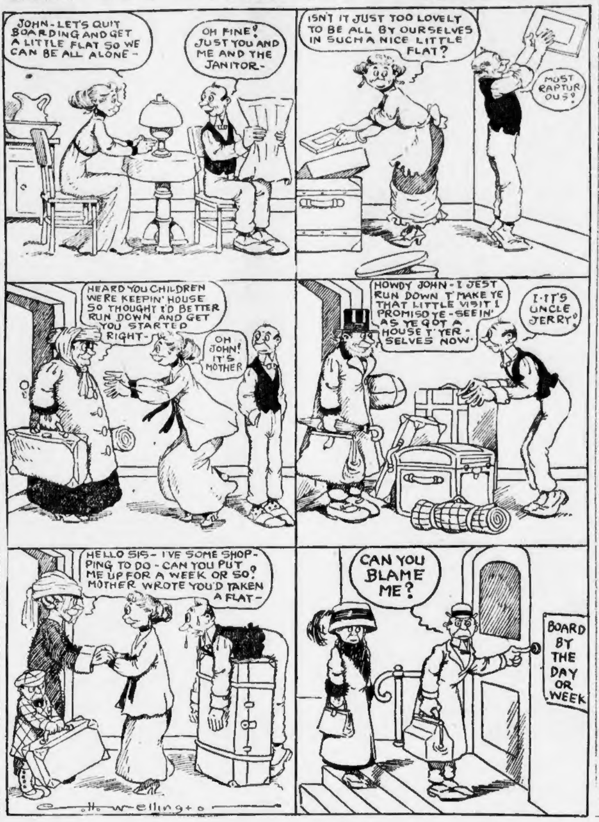
JOHN - LET'S QUIT BOARDING AND GET A LITTLE FLAT SO WE CAN BE ALL ALONE -
OH FINE! JUST YOU AND ME AND THE JANITOR -
ISN'T IT JUST TOO LOVELY TO BE ALL BY OURSELVES IN SUCH A NICE LITTLE FLAT?
MOST RAPTUROUS!
HEARD YOU CHILDREN WERE KEEPIN' HOUSE SO THOUGHT I'D BETTER RUN DOWN AND GET YOU STARTED RIGHT -
OH JOHN! IT'S MOTHER
HOWDY JOHN - I JEST RUN DOWN T' MAKE YE THAT LITTLE VISIT I PROMISD YE - SEEIN' AS YE GOT A HOUSE T' YER - SELVES NOW.
I-IT'S UNCLE JERRY!
HELLO SIS - I'VE SOME SHOPPING TO DO - CAN YOU PUT ME UP FOR A WEEK OR SO? MOTHER WROTE YOU'D TAKEN A FLAT -
CAN YOU BLAME ME?
BOARD BY THE DAY OR WEEK
C. H. Wellington

"England's Cattle Farm"

By CHARLES FERGUSON

JOHN STUART MILL said that India is "England's cattle farm."

He meant, of course, that England keeps India as farmers keep cows—not for the good of the cows, but for the sake of the milk.

The other day it was announced that the English had granted to India the embryo of a constitution. A minority of the Viceroy's council and of the various provincial legislatures is to be made up of persons elected by the people—only nobody must be elected that the English don't approve of.

Like the Czar's personally conducted Dumas, the representative bodies of India will be carefully safeguarded from the intrusion of those that really represent the governed.

There is a growing party in India that has serious objections to the way the farm is being run. Therefore the English Government, in its fresh constitutional arrangements, has taken pains that this party—called "the New Nationalist Movement"—shall, so far as legislatures are concerned, continue to be as dumb as driven cattle are.

Said Lord Curzon, the late Viceroy—turning a fine oratorical period at the great Delhi Durbar in 1901—"Powerful empires flourished here while the Englishmen were still wandring painted in the woods, and while the British colonies were a wilderness and a jungle. India has left a deeper mark upon the history, the philosophy and the religion of mankind than any other terrestrial unit in the universe."

Yet, naturally enough, the English doubt the capacity of the Indian people for self-government.

The English came to India at a moment when the mighty Mogul Empire was breaking up—a moment of internal weakness and dissension. And she has done her best to perpetuate that weakness.

Still, it is notorious that the best local governments in the empire are those in which the natives have the freest hand.

In the nearly autonomous States of Baroda and Mysore the people are far more prosperous and progressive than in the States where the English have their own way.

Consider, for example, the matter of education. Mysore, it is said, spends per capita for schools three times as much as British India.

In Baroda, education is universal, gratuitous and compulsory, while throughout British India the schooling is of the crudest—and even so, the spelling book reaches only one child in twenty.

Thus a century and a half of British tutelage has not improved the natural gifts of any Asiatic—for self-government.

England means well, no doubt. And is scrupulously conscientious in its administrative arrangements. There is no graft. But the cows are milked to death.

There is no tribute—of the kind that the Romans were wont to wring from their proconsular dependencies. For the world's conscience will not permit the open looting of provinces nowadays.

Nevertheless, India is England's cattle farm—and the farming pays prodigious revenues.

India is not a British colony; it is an enslaved State.

English nabobs grow rich there. And the Indian people indescribably poor.

There are millions of people in India who have never in their lives had a "square meal"—but they all pay the gruelling salt tax, just as if they had the gruel.

The British taxes amount to a third of the average income, and this comes hard, seeing that the average income is about six dollars a year.

India is as fertile as the United States. And food is cheap there, even in famine years—if one only have the money to buy.

Famine in India is largely an imported English fashion. It is coming to be more and more the rage.

In the second quarter of the last century half a million people got themselves officially registered as starved to death; in the third quarter there were five million, and in the last quarter twenty-five million.

In 1850 the average income was twice what it is now.

India was once a great manufacturing country. It supplied mediaeval Europe with fancy goods. The English have destroyed these manufactories by so adjusting the excise and tariff taxes as to make India an excellent market for the made stuffs of Manchester, Leeds and Sheffield.

The Indian government is the most expensive in the world. It furnishes lucrative posts for multitudes of the English gentry, who might not otherwise be able to earn a living.

India is the general rendezvous and training ground for British soldiers. The major part of the army of the whole British empire is billetted upon a people whose average income is—as has been said—$6 a year.

Taking one consideration with another, it seems clear that, while England makes its cattle farm pay, it does so by exhausting the soil. There are signs that it has exhausted also the patience of a long-ruminating people.

First Girl—I want to give my fiance a surprise for a Christmas present. Can't you suggest something?

Second Girl—Well, you might tell him your age.

Rhymo the Monk

By GUS MAGER

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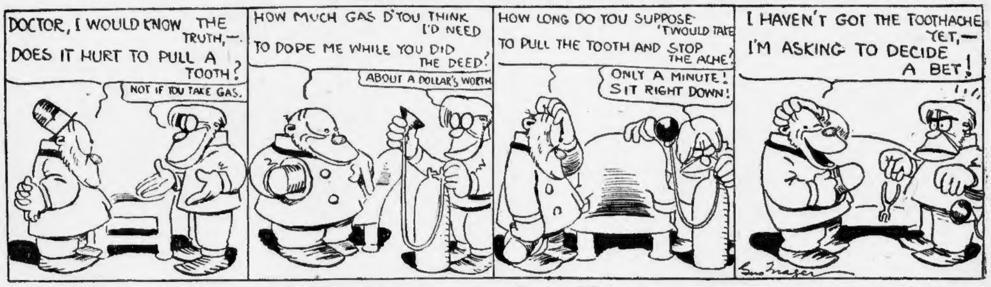
DOCTOR, I WOULD KNOW THE TRUTH,— DOES IT HURT TO PULL A TOOTH?
NOT IF YOU TAKE GAS.
HOW MUCH GAS D'YOU THINK I'D NEED TO DOPE ME WHILE YOU DID THE DEED?
ABOUT A DOLLAR'S WORTH
HOW LONG DO YOU SUPPOSE 'TWOULD TAKE TO PULL THE TOOTH AND STOP THE ACHE?
ONLY A MINUTE! SIT RIGHT DOWN!
I HAVEN'T GOT THE TOOTHACHE YET,— I'M ASKING TO DECIDE A BET!
Gus Mager

If It Weren't for Father!

By H. A. MacGILL

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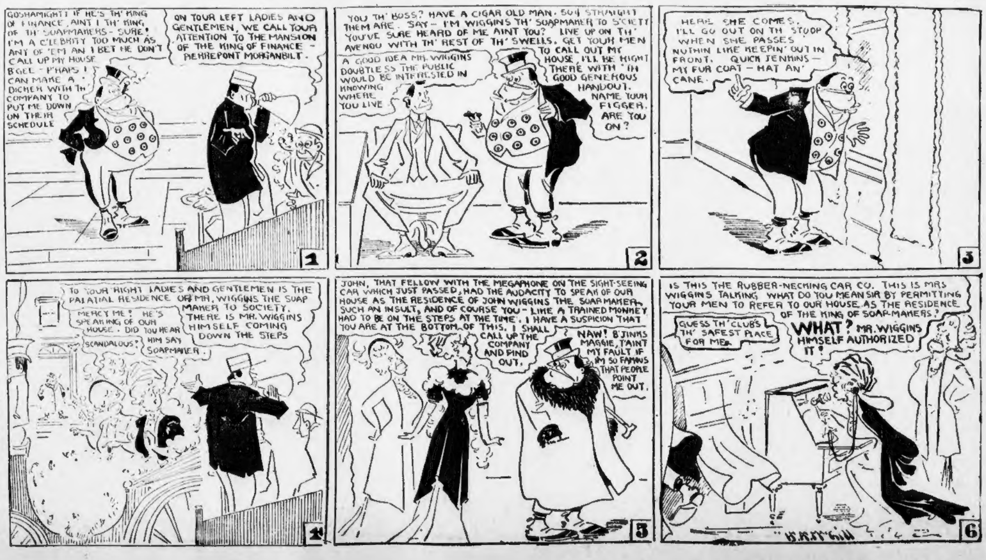
GOSHAMIGHT! IF HE'S TH' KING OF FINANCE, AINT I TH' KING OF TH' SOAPMAKERS - SURE! I'M A C'LEBRITY TOO MUCH AS ANY OF 'EM AN I BET HE DON'T CALL UP MY HOUSE B'GEE - P'HAPS I CAN MAKE A DICKER WITH TH' COMPANY TO PUT ME DOWN ON THEIR SCHEDULE
ON YOUR LEFT LADIES AND GENTLEMEN, WE CALL YOUR ATTENTION TO THE MANSION OF THE KING OF FINANCE - PIERREPONT MORGANBILT.
1
YOU TH' BOSS? HAVE A CIGAR OLD MAN. SOU STRAIGHT THEM ARE. SAY - I'M WIGGINS TH' SOAPMAKER TO S'CIETY YOU'VE SURE HEARD OF ME AINT YOU? LIVE UP ON TH' AVENOU WITH TH' REST OF TH' SWELLS. GET YOUR MEN TO CALL OUT MY HOUSE, I'LL BE RIGHT THERE WITH 'IN GOOD GENEROUS HANDOUT. NAME YOUR FIGGER. ARE YOU ON?
A GOOD IDEA MR. WIGGINS DOUBTLESS THE PUBLIC WOULD BE INTERESTED IN KNOWING WHERE YOU LIVE
2
HERE SHE COMES. I'LL GO OUT ON TH STOOP WHEN SHE PASSES NUTHIN LIKE KEEPIN' OUT IN FRONT. QUICK JENKINS - MY FUR COAT - HAT AN' CANE.
3
TO YOUR RIGHT LADIES AND GENTLEMEN IS THE PALATIAL RESIDENCE OF MR. WIGGINS THE SOAP MAKER TO SOCIETY. THERE IS MR. WIGGINS HIMSELF COMING DOWN THE STEPS
MERCY ME! HE'S SPEAKING OF OUR HOUSE. DID YOU HEAR HIM SAY SOAPMAKER.
SCANDALOUS!
4
JOHN, THAT FELLOW WITH THE MEGAPHONE ON THE SIGHT-SEEING CAR WHICH JUST PASSED, HAD THE AUDACITY TO SPEAK OF OUR HOUSE AS THE RESIDENCE OF JOHN WIGGINS THE SOAPMAKER. SUCH AN INSULT, AND OF COURSE YOU - LIKE A TRAINED MONKEY HAD TO BE ON THE STEPS AT THE TIME. I HAVE A SUSPICION THAT YOU ARE AT THE BOTTOM OF THIS. I SHALL CALL UP THE COMPANY AND FIND OUT.
NAW! B'JINKS MAGGIE, T'AINT MY FAULT IF I'M SO FAMOUS THAT PEOPLE POINT ME OUT.
5
IS THIS THE RUBBER-NECKING CAR CO. THIS IS MRS WIGGINS TALKING. WHAT DO YOU MEAN SIR BY PERMITTING YOUR MEN TO REFER TO OUR HOUSE AS THE RESIDENCE OF THE KING OF SOAP-MAKERS?
WHAT? MR. WIGGINS HIMSELF AUTHORIZED IT!
GUESS TH' CLUB'S TH' SAFEST PLACE FOR ME.
6
H. A. MacGill